The Long Island FISHERMAN

25c

d Catching Fish!

December 18th, 1975, Issue No. 49

030272-
E HOCKER
53 LOCUST AVE
ISLIP NY 11751

CODFISH—*The Bearded King*

Mako...you'll find them where the fish are.

AUTHORIZED MAKO DEALERS

NEW YORK

Al Grover's Marine Base
195 Woodcleft Avenue
Freeport, L.I., New York 11520
(516) 378-0538

Kretzer Boat Works, Inc.
459 City Island Avenue
City Island, New York 10464
(212) 885-1129

Port of Egypt
Route 25
Southold, L.I., New York 11971
(516) 765-2445

NEW YORK

South Shore Boats
Montauk Highway
East Quogue, New York 11942
(516) 653-6800

Starfish Marine Boat & Motor Sales
369 East Main Street
East Islip, L.I., New York 11730
(516) 581-0881

Willow Motor Sales, Corp.
145 S. Main
Pt. Chester, New York 10573
(914) 937-3131

CONNECTICUT

The Bait Shop
99 Rowayton Avenue, Rt. 136
Rowayton, Connecticut 06853
(203) 853-3811

MAKO MARINE

Mako Marine, Inc. 4355 Northwest 128th St. Miami, Florida 33054
(another growing Ransburg Company, Indianapolis, Indiana)

FOR INFORMATION ASK ANY MAKO OWNER, OR SEE ONE OF OUR DEALERS...

The Long Island FISHERMAN

THE ONLY WEEKLY GUIDE FOR FISHERMEN IN THE N.Y. AREA

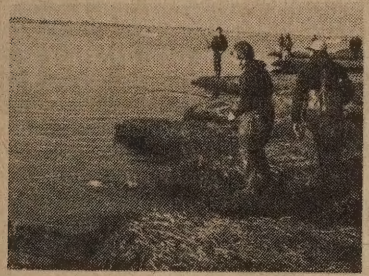
Volume 10, No. 49 December 18th, 1975

CONTENTS

SurfSide:
SNAGGED RIGS ..... Gerald Hahn 5
L.I. DEER HUNT ..... Fred Guardineer 7
The BOTTOM Line:
HOW TO UNHOOK 'EM ..... Scott Simons 8
LADIE'S CAY
Part II ..... Dr. Wm. A. Muller 10
Casting Gourmet:
TUNA OLE ..... Whiting Evans 13
CODFISH THE BEARDED KING ..... Vincent Cantwell 14
WHITING FISHING ..... Matt Ahern 16

DEPARTMENTS:

Club News 4
News Releases 4
Fisherman's Library 12
Fishing Trip Contest 18
Fishing Reports 19
Classified Ads 28
Tide Tables 31
Solunar Tables 31
Free Line Offer 32



ABOUT THE COVER: Chris Rance leads a nice Great South Bay weakfish to the bag. Photo by Dr. William A. Muller.

PUBLISHER Rich Reina

MANAGING EDITOR Scott Simons

ASSOCIATE EDITOR Dr. William A. Muller

DISTRIBUTION MANAGER Mike Zarrella

ADVERTISING MANAGER Stu Miller

The LONG ISLAND FISHERMAN is published weekly, except for two (2) weeks in January, by the L.I.F. Publishing Corp., L.I.F. Building, 8 West 7th St., P.O. Box 143, Deer Park, N.Y. 11729. Telephone (516) 667-6633. Second class postage is paid at Deer Park. 25 cents a copy; 1 year, 50 issues, $9.00; 2 years, 100 issues, $17.00; 3 years, 150 issues, $25.00. Back issues are sold for 50 cents a copy. Photographs and written contributions are welcomed. Unsolicited contributions must be accompanied by a written request and a stamped, self-addressed envelope. All consideration will be given these requests, however, no responsibility on our part is assumed. Notice of change of address must include both the old and new address. Allow two weeks for change.

In the world of sportfishing one name stands above all others. The reason is QUALITY....the name is MAKO.

MAKO

In the world of Mako Dealers one name stands above all others. The reason is QUALITY...the name is

Starfish Marine

369 Montauk Highway
East Islip, L.I., N.Y. 11730
(516) JU 1-0881

The Best Possible Prices Plus The Best Possible Service!

HOMELITE

SAWDUST DAYS

For L.I. Fisherman Readers Only!

TRY THE HOMELITE SAW OF YOUR CHOICE & RECEIVE COUPON FOR FREE CHAIN SHARPENING.
PURCHASE A HOMELITE & GET:

Northeast Equipment

SALES • SERVICE • RENTALS
554 Rt. 111 & Town Line Rd.
(*Across from Robert Hall*)
Hauppauge, L.I., N.Y. 11787
(516) 265-7660

MasterCharge BANKAMERICARD

CLUB NEWS

SHELLBANK ANGLERS HELP CHILDREN

On December 21st, 1975 the Shellbank Anglers Club of Howard Beach, N.Y. will be giving a Mini-One-To-One for the children at the Bernard Fineson Developmental Center Howard Park Unit at 155-55 Cross Bay Blvd. This facility houses children between the ages of zero and eighteen most of whom were former residents of Willowbrook State School, developmentally handicapped and mentally retarded. The Anglers (some 100 members) will be bringing with themselves toys, refreshments, games and entertainment for the holiday season.

Such an unselfish acts of pure altruism should be greatly commended and publicly acknowledged. Our children will get so much out of an event such as this that it is almost impossible to describe one of the greatest releases of such Mini-One-To-One is that it will bring our children that much closer to the normalization process we are trying to attain.

Perhaps you could print this letter in a future issue of the Long Island Fisherman so that first of all the public can be made aware of the great deal of good Anglers are going outside of the great sport of fishing; and second we could publicly acknowledge the tremendous efforts of the members of the Shellbank Anglers Club on behalf of our children.

Anyone requesting further information should contact Mr. Joseph Sadri Supervisor of Volunteer Servies at (212) 738-6200 Ext. 64.

AMITY HARBOR FISHING CLUB

The Amity Harbor Fishing Club held its annual dinner dance and awards banquet at Musicarros in Melville on December 6th. In addition to individual species awares being presented, the following members received recognition:

Fisherman of the Year: John Swenson, Fisherwomen of the Year, Sabina Winter. The club officers for 1976 are Pesident, Bob Schavel, Vice-President, Jim Baxter, Secretary, Lou Clementz, and Treasurer, Harold Miller.

News Releases

66th NATIONAL BOAT SHOW

The 66th National Boat Show, January 10-18th, 1976 fills the approximately nine acres of "dry water" of the New York Coliseum with everything that floats and presents a special nautical heritage extravaganze—"SEA AMERICA"—unlike anything ever seen before.

"SEA AMERICA" the red, white, and blue nautical heritage extravaganza, will be on the fourth floor of the Coliseum. On display: replicas of 19th century fishing dories—"Peapods" will be built; "Operation Sail" will present its unique bi-centennial program to the public; engines dating back to 1884; antique boats; a photo exhibit of the sailing yachts that awed the world; models of the tall ships that sailed the oceans; nautical items dating back to 1784 and more.

"SEA VIEW" is a cinema that will have a continuous showing of the IBM film, "Operation Sail", the first public showing of the film that is part of the national boating activity for the bi-centennial. The theater also will present other boating films.

The variety of things nautical and the special events scheduled are certain to attract and entertain the annual crowd of over 330,000 visitors. Boats measuring in at about 50 feet in length, both sail and power, runabouts, race boats, trailers, engines, accessories, and more are what the largest consumer boat show in the country presents annually.

All four floors of everything that floats can be seen at the 66th New York National Boat Show in the Coliseum on Saturdays from 10:00 a.m. to 10 :00 p.m., Sundays from noon to 7:00 p.m., and weekdays from noon to 10:00 p.m.

THREATS TO L.I. FISHING INDUSTRY SUBJECT OF WLIW/21 DOCUMENTARY

Threats to the continued existance of Long Island's fishing industry— foreign competition, increased costs, and general depletion of fishery zones because of overfishing—are documented in the WLIW/21-produced program, IN THE WAKE OF THE RED TRAWLERS, being telecast on Channel 21 Thursday December 18th at 9:00 P.M.

The 30-minute documentary produced by Long Island's public television station includes films shot by Channel 21's camera crew aboard the Montauk-based lobster boat **Captain Brian** while it was fishing near the Continental Shelf.

Three Long Island fishermen—Leo Cormier of Northport, Scotty Bennett of Easthampton, and Richard Stern of Montauk—tell why the fishing industry in the entire northeastern United States is struggling to survive. Profits from each catch have diminished until income scarcely covers costs. As a result, many fishermen are barely making a living, some are losing money, and some are selling their boats and leaving the industry altogether.

IN THE WAKE OF THE RED TRAWLERS includes interviews with Albert Jensen of Stony Brook, who is with the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation; with Richard Hennmuth, Deputy Director of the National Marine Fisheries Service in Woods Hole, Massachusetts; and with Long Island Congressman Norman Lent of East Rockaway (R., 4th C.D.), who discusses federal government action to help the fishing industry.

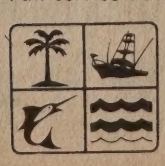
BLUEFIN TUNA RESEARCH RECEIVES DONATION FROM FISHING COMPANY

The Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution Bluefish Tuna Research Program has received a $1,500 donation from the A.A. Ferrante Fishing Corporation of Fairhaven, Massachusetts, through Captain Frank Cyganowski. Research at Woods Hole has monitored the bluefin tuna population in the North Atlantic since 1954 under the direction of Frank J. Mather III, Associate Scientist at the Institution.

The Woods Hole work, which includes biological sampling and a tagging program employs the cooperation of both sport and professional fishermen, re-

Sportfishing!

Many world records — and the best variety of fish in the Bahamas! Walker's Cay is nicely isolated 110 miles off Palm Beach, and endowed with flats, deeps and coral drop-offs that harbor the big billfish, tuna, bonefish, grouper and many more. Full service 75 boat marina, guides, charters, small-boat rentals. Ice, fuel, tackle shop, bait. Modern hotel, dining room, cocktail lounges. Landing strips, seaplane ramp.



Walker's Cay HOTEL & MARINA

P.O. Box 22493 ,Fort Lauderdale, Fla. 33315

305-522-1460/1469

cently became a cooperative effort with the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) Bluefin Program organized in 1973. Data from these programs contributed significantly toward formulation and passage last August of national legislation which enables the NMFS to regulate the bluefin fisheries off the eastern United States.

Tagging allows scientists to study many phases of a fish population including migration, growth rates, and fishing pressure. More than 11,000 young bluefin have been tagged and released since 1954, 9,000 of these in cooperation with New England purse seiners such as Captain Cyganowski of the A.A. Ferrante Corporation. The yellow tags offer a five-dollar reward for notification of the date, location, weight and length of the fish when the bluefin is ultimately taken by a fisherman. There is also a $300 international lottery on tag returns sponsored by the International Commission for the Conservation of Atlantic Tunas (ICCAT).

In the early years of the program, the tag return rate was less than 10 percent. The scientists became truly concerned when the return rates reached 44.2 percent from 1968 releases and 40.0 percent from 1970 releases. ICCAT had been following the Woods Hole data for many years, and in 1974 the commission limited the size of tuna to be kept by the fishermen of its member countries to over 14 pounds and also expressed concern over the need to limit the total size of catches. These actions by ICCAT were based on findings from the biological data that showed the medium size classes were disappearing as most of the bluefin were being caught before they reached sexual maturity.

With the present U.S. regulation and the realization by such fishermen as Captain Cyganowski that continued research is needed to monitor the well-being of the bluefin, scientists hope that the bluefin stocks can be preserved.

The Woods Hole Bluefin Tuna Research Program is funded by $50,000 to $60,000 in federal funds from NMFS annually, and it depends on private foundations, sport fishermen, and other donors for the remaining $20,000 to $30,000 needed each year.

Chum Lines

DOC MULLER A "WHIPPER-SNAPPER"?

Dad starting fishing Montauk in 1921 at the urging of Ralph Clark of First National Pictures and it was two years before he managed his first striper, then in October of 1925 fishing an evening tide he busted wide open five stripers, a weak, a blue and a fair sized Codfish all from the same spot in Turtle Cove.

Even if that whipper-snapper Doc Muller does think the 40's were the pioneer days of surfing I like his stuff and the L.I.F. Here's my renewal. *Harry Gugler, West Islip.*

Thanks for the correction. Actually the confusion is more a result of semantics than factual error.

In fact, surf fishing is reported as far back as the 1880's at Montauk and I'm sure that if we hunted through a few more books and periodicals we'd find evidence of surfcasting pilgrims and maybe the Indians dabbled in it as well.

Yet, surfcasting as we know it today was late in developing. There are many reasons for this. Technology did not come up with better rods, reels, lures, and lines etc., until after World War II. The war itself was a retarding influence since the armed forces insisted on night time black outs. The armed personel at Montauk would become very unhappy when they'd find anybody on the beach at night fearing that even the lighting of a cigarette might serve as the perfect homing signal for a patrolling submarine.

So after the war was over the mass-produced plastics, fiberglass, and big spinning reels changed the face of the sport. Better roads and improved 4-wheel drive vehicles brought the sport within the reach of the many thousands who enjoy it today. Dr. William A. Muller.

MORE SEASICKNESS

Don't laugh, just try lollipops for seasickness. I've seen guys wipe that smile off their faces when they worked. *Dan and Helen Khare, Bronx.*

So THAT'S why Kojak always sucks on a lollipop—to keep his head from turning green!

NBC-TV AND L.I.F.

You forgot one important item in your story of the NBC-TV film report on fishing. It was the first time that the NBC crew had actually caught a fish while on a fish-film location!

Your trip was listed in The Fisherman, and the tide was wrong, so I sat down and read The Fisherman with one eye, and kept the other on the tube. It took awhile as it was almost the last item on the hour show, but finally it came. Then it was way too short to show anything of fishing on Eastern Long Island. The longest part of the show was the conversation after where Barry Tompkins still seemed to be in shock over actually getting fish on one of his assignments.

Keep up the good work, get us a few more construction stories like last winter, and enclosed is my renewal for 1976. *C. R. Conkling Jr., Shoreham.*

DIVER'S PLEA

I would appreciate it if you would publish this letter in the proper area of your paper. It would also help considerably if it could be re-run in the spring.

The waters of the world are used by many people. Some of these are Pleasure boaters, water skiers, Fishermen (and women) and SCUBA divers. A potentially dangerous problem arises since most of the first groups do not know what the "Diver" or "Diver Down" flag is. Because of this, many divers are endangered when their flag is used to run circles around by speed boats, or when a boater comes in close to try and figure out what the flag is marking.

The divers flag is a rectangular red flag, with a white stripe running from the upper left to the lower right corner. It indicates that there are divers in the water in the immediate area, and that other boats are required by law to stay at least 100 feet away.

Fishermen sometimes dislike divers since when a divers flag is up it means that they cannot drop anchor alongside and fish. I would like to add that this works in the reverse also. If there is a boat fishing in the area that a diver would like to dive, he cannot.

I see no reason why we should not be able to enjoy the waters together in harmony. Peace good boating, fishing and diving. *David Getoff, Director Brooklyn Divers Scuba School.*

Printed as requested—just hope we have enough room to print all the letters from fishermen about divers in their chum slick, where umbrella rigs are being trolled, etc., which I know will be pouring in!

SMOKEY CABINS

Why don't the Captains of the boats that sail in winter for Cod prohibit smoking in the cabins on those long trips to the fishing grounds and return trips? When the weather is cold and those bitter winds make it impossible to stay out on deck, why do the majority who don't smoke have to leave the crowded cabin because a few weaklings have to smoke a cigarette. These cabins are packed with people and the doors are kept closed tight and there is no ventilation from any source. There is a grave menace to health aboard these boats due to this situation and it is time the boat Captains did something about it. **Charles Striffler, Nesconset.**

Surf Side with Gerald Hahn

SNAGGED RIGS

Have you ever experienced that anxious, tense sensation when you wait for a firecracker to ignite? That's how I feel when I see anglers jerking their rods with all their might in an attempt to free a snagged rig. I have seen $50 surf rods explode. It's a devastating experience for the owner.

We all experience a certain amount of frustration, especially when bottom fishing from the surf in a rocky area. In general, the odds against frequent catches by surfcasters are far greater than for the boat fisherman. After hours or days of hitless fishing and a considerable number of lost rigs, a moment's carelessness, and it's all over. I takes tremendous discipline to fish from shore continuously and patience and organization are all important. I always admire and love to watch an experienced old timer come along and set up. He moves methodically, without haste, and yet he seems to have everything going in less time than the "anxious angler" who cannot wait to get a line out. Every item is in its place whether he is casting artificials or bait. You can be certain that he will not damage his rod or reel for any snagged rig.

Particularly now, when so many anglers are working the bottom in rocky areas for blues, stripers, and especially blackfish, snagging is inevitable. We have all heard the expression, "If you don't lose rigs, you're not blackfishing." However, a snagged rig does not have to be a pre-requisite for a broken rod or one that will go limp before its time, a broken tip top guide, or a stripped gear on a reel. There are a number of things you can do about it.

I have tried from numerous beaches in rocky areas and through trial and error, I discovered a method which seems to result in more saved rigs, absolutely no damage to the rod or reel, and minimum stretch on the monofilament. I used to be a compulsive rod-jerker as soon as I felt a dead resistance on the line and 9 times out of 10, this only embedded the rig more in the obstruction. Then, I tried "walking" the rod to the side, a method I still see many anglers employing. This worked somewhat better but I still lost rigs most of the time. In this method, the angler opens the bail and moves to one side along the shoreline so as to create a diagonal angle between the casting point and the snagged rig. Then, he closes the bail and begins to jerk the rod upward again. If the cast, itself, was made at an angle, say at 2 o'clock and the snag occured at that point (or drifted to that point and snagged), then the angler walks to the right of 2 o'clock. The basic idea, here, is that the obstruction is directly between the rig and the rod and moving over will change this relationship. However, most of the time, the obstruction is too large or not what the angler thinks it is. Consequently, the new angle changes little. The other problem, here, is that the angler is usually not much further away from the snag than he was originally. I'll return to this in awhile.

Most of the time, in a two hook bottom rig with the proper type of sinker for fishing a rocky bottom, e.g., the bank, it is not the sinker that gets caught. You can always test this by tying the sinker with a weak line. If this is where the snag occured, the sinker line will usually break off first. At least, you have not lost the hooks and hardware. More often, one of the two hooks, whether tied in tandem or on a modified hi-lo arrangement with dropper loops, has caught "on a rock". By this I mean, most of these smaller hooks usually catch onto some weed, barnacles, mussels, or spongy, coral-like material that, in themselves, are attached to the rock. These organisms have tremendous adherence and are extremely resiliant in order to withstand currents, storms, tidal changes, etc. and it certainly feels like a rock when you snag. Remember, even a size 3 Virginia hook (for blackfishing) has too small a bend to become totally wedged into a rock. Flounder and porgy hooks are even smaller. With the exception of larger sized bluefish hooks, e.g., 8/0, most of these smaller hooks get caught up in the organic matter rather than in a more immobile substance, e.g., a rock or man-made material on the bottom.

The method I use to free a snagged rig also involves opening the bail and walking the rod but, this time, straight back. I do not hesitate to let out 30 yards or more of line as I move to the back of the beach. The drag on the reel is set lightly and well below the breaking point of the line. After closing the bail, I point the rod so that it creates a continuum, i.e., a straight line with the mono. Then I pull back, gently, but with a steady pressure. This will usually free the snag. if it does not on the first try, I walk a few yards towards the snag, reel in the slack, and then I try it again. Most of the time, the complete rig will be saved. It is important to remember that when you first detect a snag, a gentle upward movement of the rod will reveal it and if that was not sufficient to free it, proceed as stated above. Using this method, there is no arcing of the rod and it cannot become damaged. All of the tension is between three points, the stuck part of the rig, the knots used to tie it to the main line, and the drag on the reel. The increased distance from the casting point allows for greater flexibility in the line even as tension is gradually increased. If the line pulls against the drag, tighten it gradually. In this way, stretch on the mono is kept to a minimum until the rig is free or you break off. Furthermore, if you do break off, it will be at the rig or sinker and not at the tip top: you won't lose all that line. Finally, by walking straight back, you also reach a higher point than from the shoreline and this may help you to move the snagged rig over the obstruction without forcing the rod to do it for you. if there is a rock or other object near you at the back of the beach, don't hesitate to climb onto it. From this distance, you can also try walking to the side. This combination of increased distance, aiming the rod at the snag, and increasing tension gradually should result in more saved rigs and certainly will not damage your rod, rod tip, or reel. If none of this seems to work, cut the line. Remember, it's only a few cents lost.

I have focused, here, on fishing from the beach as opposed to from a pier, rock jetty, or a bridge. If it is possible to walk the rod back when you snag in any of these types of places, by all means, do so. However, the situation, here, is different because you are already well above the obstruction to begin with. Therefore, walking the rod to the side of the casting point makes more sense. However, jerking it with full force never does.

Using overly-heavy line does not help; it only encourages the angler to yank the rod when he snags. If you plan to fish in areas that are rocky, bring plenty of rigs along. Prepare these in advance. If you fish for the same species every year and in the same area, buy these items, e.g., hooks, leaders, hardware, in bulk. This

(Continued on page 19.)

THE L.I. DEER HUNT

BY FRED GUARDINEER

LONG ISLAND'S SPECIAL 10-DAY DEER HUNTING SEASON WILL BE HELD JAN. 5-9 & JAN. 12-16 IN PARTS OF BROOKHAVEN, RIVERHEAD, EAST HAMPTON AND SOUTHAMPTON TOWNS. THE HUNT IS OPEN TO ANY PERSON WITH A BIG GAME LICENSE WHO DID NOT KILL A DEER DURING THE REGULAR UPSTATE SEASON. ONLY SHOTGUNS WITH RIFLED SLUGS MAY BE USED.

SPECIAL ONE-DAY ONLY PERMITS WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR THE 10,000 ACRE SUFFOLK COOPERATIVE HUNTING AREA IN MIDDLE ISLAND AND CALVERTON ON A FIRST-COME, FIRST-SERVE BASIS STARTING AT 9 AM, DEC. 28 AT THE COOPERATIVE'S HEADQUARTERS ON RANDALL RD., OFF RT. 25 IN RIDGE.

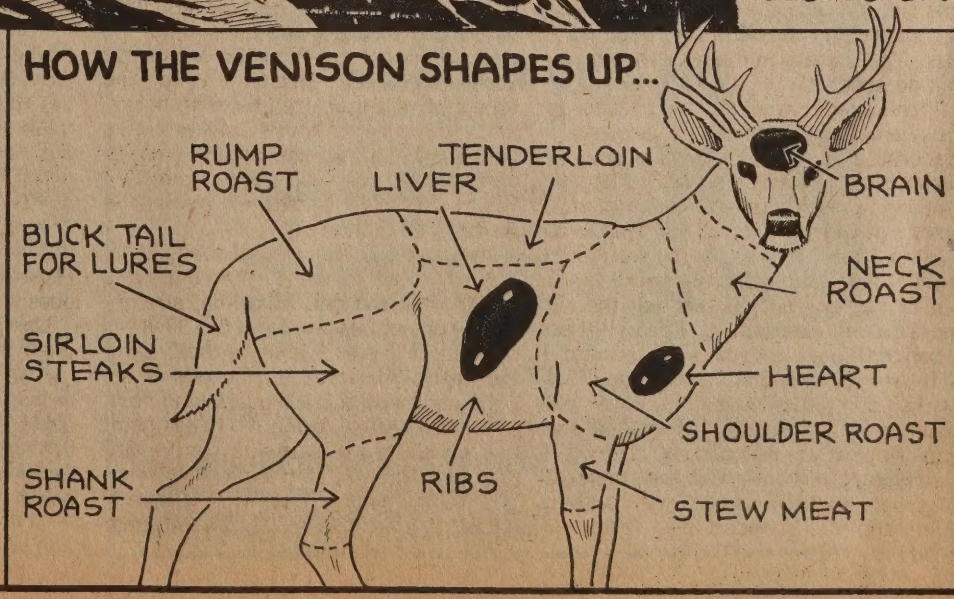
DEER OF EITHER SEX MAY BE SHOT, BUT HUNTERS WHO HOLD OUT FOR A DEER WITH A BIG SET OF "HORNS" MAY BE DISAPPOINTED. BY MID-JANUARY MOST OF LONG ISLAND BUCKS WILL HAVE SHED THEIR ANTLERS. DEER TRACKS ARE ALL OVER THE AREA SO ONE SPOT SHOULD BE AS GOOD AS ANY OTHER.

HUNTING PERMITS IN THE ABOVE FIVE TOWNS WERE GIVEN OUT IN A MAZE OF RED TAPE BY DEC. 15, BUT YOU STILL HAVE THE OLD CO-OP!

HUNTERS MAY SELECT ANY ONE OF THE 10 WEEKDAYS OF THE SEASON IN ANY OF THE FIVE AREAS OF THE CO-OP LAND. THERE IS ROOM FOR 50 ONE-MAN OR TWO-MAN HUNTING PARTIES FOR EACH DAY. ON NAVY LAND THERE IS A $1.00 DAILY USE FEE. HUNTING ON THE COOPERATIVE AREA IS FREE.

LOTSA LUCK! FROM THE L.I.F.

HOW THE VENISON SHAPES UP...



THE BOTTOM LINE

with Scott Simons

HOW TO UNHOOK 'EM

The technique of removing a hook from the mouth of a fish is one of the least discussed subjects that I can think of, which is unusual considering that virtually every fish caught must be unhooked. I guess the assumption is that if an angler is smart enough to catch a fish in the first place, he or she is also smart enough to retrieve the hook without breaking or bending it out of shape or losing a finger in the process. But this isn't necessarily correct—in fact, each species of fish should be handled in a certain manner to prevent damage to the hook, the fish and, most importantly, the angler.

On every fishing trip you should have a rag, knife, hook disgorger and billy club handy for the dehooking process. The rag is used to grasp a particularly slimy fish, wipe your hands after the fish has been unhooked, or may be used as a tourniquet if the fish is smarter than you are. A sharp, pointed knife is often needed to enlarge the opening where the hook penetrated so that it may be backed out.

The hook disgorger is used when the hook is so deep in the mouth of the fish that you would have to get your fingers in there with all them teeth or the mouth is too small to even get them in there. A good mechanical hook disgorger may be purchased for a few bucks in almost any local bait and tackle shop, or you can make one yourself by cutting a "V" notch in one end of a quarter inch dowel. The mechanical disgorger is used by inserting it into the mouth of the fish and grasping the hook at the bend, then pushing downward with a twisting motion to free the hook. The dowel disgorger is used by placing the V-notch on the bend of the hook and pushing down to back the hook out.

A billy club is used to persuade a large or particularly energetic fish to be cooperative during the unhooking procedure. Small wooden "baseball" bats are sold for about a buck specifically for this purpose. If you have an old oar laying around doing nothing, cut about a foot off the handle and use it for a club. The wooden club can also be used for cracking mussels and clams for chum. A word of caution—make sure you don't miss the fish and hit the deck. On many occasions I've watched anglers trying to rap a gymnastic fluke or bluefish, miss and nearly put a nice hole in the deck of a fiberglass hull.

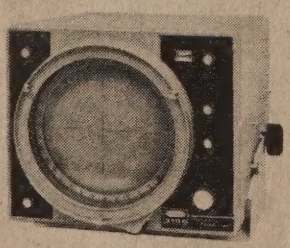
The one thing that you should never do to get a hook out is to try removing it by just pulling on the snell. Unless the fish is just lightly hooked in the lip or skin on the roof of the mouth, all you will accomplish is to sink the hook in deeper or bend it. If you do manage to straighten the bend of the hook, don't make the mistake of thinking it can be repaired by simply bending it back to its original shape. The metal has been weakened irreparably, and the hook will probably straighten out or even break if you hook-up with a big fish. So play it safe and re-rig with a new hook.

The secret of unhooking a fish without becoming the hookee is knowing how to hold the various species during the procedure. Each fish has it's own physical characteristics (such as sharp fins and teeth) that should be avoided, so let's take a look at each one. For the purpose of clarification, we'll assume that you are righthanded. If you're a southpaw, just reverse the hands. If you aren't sure what you are (ambidextrous) let someone else unhook your fish.

I have always gotten a perverse-thrill out of watching a novice angler who has just caught his first sea robin trying to figure out where to grab a hold of it to remove the hook. The head is decorated with those sharp horns, and the dorsal fins are nothing to mess around with so grasping them around the body is out. The trick is to put the thumb of your left hand right in the mouth of the B-17 with the index finger under the chin. Don't worry about him biting you—they have very tiny dentures and very weak jaws. Just grab the shank of the hook with thumb and index finger of the right hand and twist it out with a backward movement. If the fish is hooked deep (very unusual) don't be afraid of sticking your fingers right down in his gullet. Sea robins should either be cut into bait, kept for eating or returned to the water. Never kill them needlessly—as with all fish and other life-forms, they play an important ecological role in the balance of nature.

Bergalls (cunner) and blackfish (tautog) are both difficult species to unhook. They have unusually small mouths, big teeth and extremely powerful jaws to crush their food. The bergall also has a couple of nice spines on their dorsal fin that can give you a nasty jab if you aren't careful. If the fish is only lip-hooked you shouldn't have any problems, but if they have swallowed the hook past the shank you got troubles. Unless the fish is a real bulldog you may not be capable of getting a disgorger in the small mouth, and you wouldn't want to put a finger in those jaws even if you could. So you must resort to the "back door" method of unhooking a fish, which is to dislodge the hook via access to the mouth through

RAYTHEON ANNOUNCES
90 DAY MONEY BACK OFFER
ON 3100 RADAR



Compact; Low Power Drain; Selectable Range Scale ½ mile to 32 n.m.; 7 KW Peak Power; 7" Viewing Area; Wt. 22 lbs.; Enclosed Radome; 12, 24, 32V DC or 110V AC with opt. Power Supply.

If it doesn't perform as we say, bring it back within 90 days. Your Raytheon Dealer will refund the radar purchase price. It's as simple and as easy as that.

Limited time offer. See the 3100 today at

SEAWAY COMMUNICATIONS Inc.
770 Shore Walk (Ft. of Lake St. off Wellwood, ¼ mi. So. of Montauk Hwy.)
LINDENHURST, N.Y. • (516) 884-7171

the gills. To accomplish this, put the thumb of the left hand in one gill of the fish and the index finger in the other so that the belly is resting in the palm of your hand. This will provide a good grip while avoiding the sharp spines. Now make a fist so that the gills flare open and you can peek inside to see where the hook is imbedded. Put the thumb and index finger of the right hand under the gill plate and grasp the hook at the bottom of the bend and work it out. If the hook is in real deep and you can't get a good grip on it, try grasping it with a mechanical hook disgorger. Once the bite of the hook has been freed, grasp the snell with the right hand and slowly pull it out of the mouth. Don't try to jerk it out or you'll just re-imbed the hook in another spot. If any resistance is felt as you slowly pull on the snell, give it a slight twist until the hook turns and the resistance stops.

In my opinion, a two-pound fluke is the most dangerous fish swimming our waters to unhook. The shape of their bodies make it difficult to hold on to, and the relatively small mouths are powerful as well as full of many needle-sharp teeth. They will be gut-hooked quite often, and have the annoying habit of just holding on to a bite as you reel them in without fighting much, so they come into the boat very "green" and spend an unbelievable amount of energy trying to slap the hell out of your deck with their bodies. They also like to play possum, lying quietly so you think they are all tuckered out. Actually the fluke is only saving his energy until he is certain that your finger is within hooking distance of the business end of the hook. All these factors make the fluke one of the three fish that it is mandatory to do a billy club job on before an attempt to remove the hook is made.

To stun a fluke, give him a hard rap with the billy club on the head just behind the eyes. If the fluke is jumping all around trying to beat up the boat, just wait until he calms down and is lying flat on the deck before giving him a rap. You'll know he is stunned when the tail suddenly reaches for the sky then quivers as it slowly lowers back to the deck. If the fish is lightly skin hooked, hold him up by the snell and shake until the hook tears out. If the hook is imbedded firmly in the mouth, grasp the fish by putting the thumb of the left hand under one gill plate and the ndex finger in the other and squeeze. Put the point of a knife at the point where the hook is imbedded, push it in about a half-inch, then twist the hook with the thumb and index finger of the right hand and free the hook with a twisting motion. If the hook is firmly lodged in the gills or at the back of the throat, use a hook disgorger or the "back-door" method as previously explained for blackfish.

It should go without saying that the bluefish is extremely dangerous to unhook. The only reason I don't consider the chopper more dangerous than a fluke is because the vast majority of anglers know of the dangerous potential of a blue while few think of unhooking a fluke as a hazardous operation. The blues powerful jaws and sharp dentures can sever a finger as clean as a surgeon with a scalpel. Unless you are going too heavy the tackle department and horse a bluefish in green, they should be pretty played out by the time they are landed. But the only bluefish I trust is one that has been filleted, and they should ALWAYS be stunned with a series of hard blows to the head with a billy club before any unhooking procedure commences.

After the blue has been stunned, put the thumb of the right hand under one gill plate and all four fingers under the other and hold tight. Use your strongest hand so that you will have the most possible control of the fish if he suddenly decides to wake up in the middle of the unhooking process. Use either a hook disgorger through the mouth or the back-door method through the gills to remove the hook. Never, never, never try to remove a hook by grasping the hook by its shank—one quick lunge and a snap of the blue's jaws and your days of piccolo playing are over. If you are holding the bluefish correctly, at the end of the day your thumb will be raw as if it were sandpapered, but at least you'll still be able to count to ten.

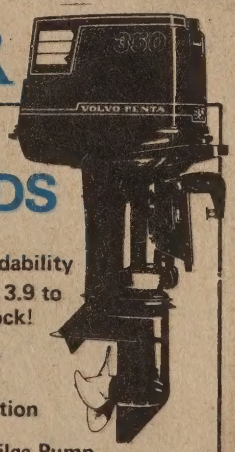
Unhooking a blue is not only dangerous but the hook is often difficult to remove because of the hard gill plates and tough gills that it may imbed solidly in. Bluefishing is often in short flurries, and this is when an angler can become excited and try to hurry up the unhooking procedure so he can get back in the water for another fish before the action dies. To avoid any accidents, it's a good idea to just leave the hook in the blue and retrieve it at the end of the day when the fish is dead and there is no need to rush. Use a snap swivel attached to the end of your line to connect a wire snelled hook or the wire leader for an artificial so that you can rerig easily without trying to tie a good knot.

Dogfish are extremely strong and active when landed and must also be clobbered a few times to quiet down. Grab them behind the head and squeeze, pressing down to hold him on the deck. Grasp the hook by the shank and twist out to free, but avoid those innocent looking "lips"—they are really very hard, almost like bone, and can put the hurts to you.

The hardest fish to unhook is probably a skate, which has a small mouth on the underside of the body and nothing to

(Continued on page 30.)

K & K
OUTBOARD
We Must Clear Out All '75's!
GLASTRON
COBIA
CRUISE CRAFT
MERCURY OUTBOARDS
Buy Right Now. Get Record-Low Prices!
Financing Trades
3875 Long Beach Road
ISLAND PARK, N.Y.
Closed Mons. (516) 431-1865-68

VOLVO PENTA

OUT-BOARDS
... Built with Volvo Dependability
... all sizes from 3.9 to 75 H.P. in stock!
... Many Models Feature:
- Seperate Ignition Systems.
- Automatic Bilge Pump.
- Commercial Warrantys.
- Light Weight ...

... and SUPER ECONOMY!
All-New Motors at Discount Prices ...
VOLVOVILLE U.S.A.
Nassau (516)798-4800
5700 Merrick Rd., Amityville, N.Y.
Sales ... and a full Parts & Service Dept.

LADIE'S GAY

by Dr. William A. Muller

Part Two — The Main Event

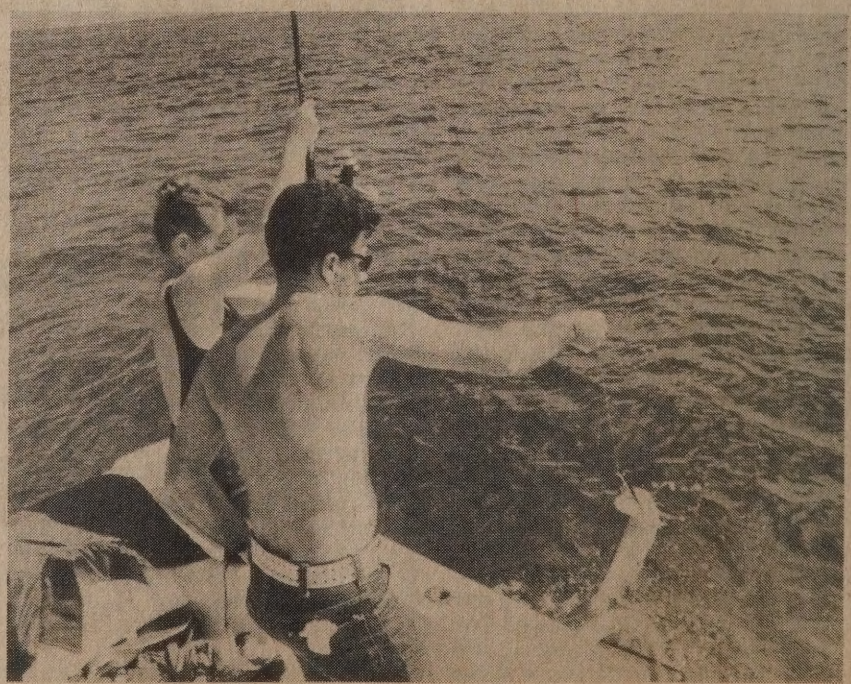
"Reel in faster, Lou." Rich offered encouragement to his dejected wife. "These fish aren't like bass and blues. You have to try and take the tube away from them." The speed of the cuda make a fast retrieve imperative, but these fish were becoming accustomed to the tubes and although they followed with great interest they would not hit. Louise tried the rapid retrieve but gave up on it. Instead, she concentrated on throwing the lure as close to the coral heads as she could get it. In desparation she changed from a one ounce tube to a two ounce Tri-Fin eel and tossed it within 20 feet of the shadow line. Suddenly, the water parted and the spray shot 15 or more feet in the air. The fish had accelerated out of the water with the tube dangling in its mouth. The cuda behaved more like a marlin than one would expect. Before our dumbfounded eyes, the fish flew into the air repeatedly, shaking its head and sending up great clouds of spray. It was clear that this was a huge fish.

"I don't have much line left." Louise's concern was well founded and her comment shook me out of my mesmerized state. My instincts took over and I realized that Rich was already into action. The fish tore off line without showing any sign of fatigue, but we believed that the fish would turn before the spool of 10 pound test monofilament went dry. Suddenly, the fish turned and instead of heading for the open water, it aimed for the coral head. Within seconds the fish was almost around the head.

"We'll have to pick up the anchor Rich or that fish will cut off on the coral." I moved towards the anchor line and Rich started the engine. We only had seconds before that fish would break off. I glanced over my shoulder as I hauled the anchor. Finally, it was free and Rich slammed the engine into reverse and we began to back down on the fish. Louise, for her part, was doing everything she could and was doing it well. She kept the tip up in order to put as much stress on the fish as she possibly could and she kept accurate track of where the fish was.

Within inches of disaster, we had backed around behind the coral head. In fact, I think the line rubbed the coral at least momentarily but miraculously, it

The victor kisses the vanguished in a gesture of respect.



Richie gets the assist, but Louise did all the work in landing this cuda.

did not break. Time slowly sapped away as the fight settled down to a controlled war of nerves. Louise worked the fish to within 50 or 75 feet of the boat several times, but then the great barracuda would frustrate her and strip half the line on the spool. Painstakingly and resolutely she would work the fish back to the boat. I can only estimate how many times this action repeated itself because the conflict seemed to go on forever. Thirty minutes later, Louise was still cranking with the rod poised high, the fish was still running and circling the boat, and Louise was following it in its journey. From bow to stern she fought that fish and we all remained lightfooted so that we could move aside if the fish suddenly changed direction and Louise was obliged to follow it. Several times the fish surprised us and almost cut off on the prop, but each time we managed to prevent what looked like certain failure. Rich maneuvered the boat trying to keep a good angle on the fish so that it might fatigue a little faster. Still, when the fish came near the boat, it sounded, and we would have to back off and resume the battle from long range.

Louise looked tired out but remained confident and determined. Forty-five minutes elapsed and the pattern of the war continued. Somehow it appeared in the moments when she rested that Louise was delighted with her own fatigue because it was a badge of the importance of the war. A trace of a smile crossed her lips.

The 10 pound test line was stretched ever tighter and we feared that it would lose its resilience before the battle was ended. The mono, especially close to the leader, looked tired.

Fifty minutes after the fight began, we had our first shot at the twelve inch 60 pound test wire leader, but the fish exploded to the bottom. Louise bravely hung on and once again pumped the fish to the boat. Frankly, we were not prepared for a fish of this size. The gaff was inadequate and I cautioned Rich that his best chance for landing the fish without losing a hand or forearm would come if he would grasp the leader with his free hand and sink the gaff behind the head and lift the fish into the boat while keeping pressure on the fish in the opposite direction by pulling on the leader. It worked and the silver monster lay quietly exhausted on the deck. I glanced at my watch and fifty-eight minutes had elapsed since that fish took the tube. We congratulated Louise, who seemed to get a burst of adrenalin, and was busily running from bow to stern shaking hands and bubbling with enthusiasms.

Both the angler and the boat were up to the task. The motor purred during the war and never failed. The center console fishing boat maneuvered perfectly and provided a stable platform for fighting the fish.

The dock scale placed the weight of the beast at thirty-six pounds even. Quickly, we rushed to the dock masters office for an I.G.F.A. listing, only to discover that Louise's fish missed the womens 12 pound test category by five pounds!

If you're contemplating a winter vacation and love to fish, I think that center console shallow water boat fishing is within the financial and physical limits of most buffs. In the Bahamas, 20 foot center consoles rent for about 50 to 60 dollars a day and 25 to 35 dollars additional for a guide. This expense is in addition to the cost of food and lodging although some resorts may provide a boat for at least one day as part of a package offering. The reefs are great for boating, diving, and fishing and its the kind of vacation that you'll remember forever.

(516)
289-9814

RIDGERUNNER

Mon.-Fri.
10AM-8PM
Sat.
10AM-5PM

Distributors For

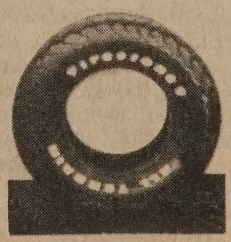
- TACOMA WHEELS
- CUSTOM GAS TANKS
- MITCHEL DUAL KITS
- KC HI-LITES
- SMITTYBUILT ROLL BARS

Dealers For

- HOOKER HEADERS
- HOLLEY CARBURETORS
- CONCORDE DESERTER
- FIRESTONE ALL TERRAIN
- BEACH TIRES
- WIDE RIMS

—SPECIAL TIRE & RIM PACKAGES—

L.I. HEADQUARTERS for 4 WHEEL DRIVE



175 Medford Ave., Patchogue, N.Y. 11772—(On Rt. 112, bet. Sunrise & Montauk Hwy.)

Great Christmas Gift Idea!
FISHING BOOKS

BEST WAYS TO CATCH MORE FISH
by Vlad Evanoff

A complete guide to better fishing, virtually all you need to know to match your catch with the experts. The emphasis is on method, and every kind of fishing is covered. From small-mouth bass to striped marlin, here are all the secrets—an encyclopedia of fishing knowledge. 228 pages, photos and diagrams.

Doubleday • Lists for $7.95
SUBSCRIBERS CLUB SPECIAL—
$6.45 plus $1.50 L.I.F. Funny Money

TACKLE CRAFT
by C. Boyd Pfeiffer

A concise handbook on how to make your own tackle and also repair it. Covers lure making, rod racks, rod building, buoys, leaders, spreaders, sinker molds, gaffs, bucktails, tin squids, soft plastic lures and much much more. Complete glossary of manufacturers. 332 pages, illus.

Crown Publishers • Lists for $9.95
SUBSCRIBERS CLUB SPECIAL—
$7.95 plus $2 L.I.F. Funny Money

STRIPED BASS FISHING
by Frank T. Moss

Covers every aspect of striped bass fishing, from light tackle to wire lining, from boats to the surf, with chapters by the leading experts in the sport. 208 pages, 190 illus.

Int. Marine Pub. • Lists for $12.50
SUBSCRIBERS CLUB SPECIAL—
$10 plus $2.50 L.I.F. Funny Money

SHAD FISHING
by C. Boyd Pfeiffer

At last! An all-inclusive book about the famous shad—its habits, history, range, times of spawning runs and all the practical information needed for angling success. 177 pages with photos and diagrams.

Crown Publishers • Lists for $8.95
SUBSCRIBERS CLUB SPECIAL—
$7.45 plus $1.50 L.I.F. Funny Money

PRACTICAL FISHING KNOTS
by L. Kreh & M. Sosin

A thorough and practical guide to knots, lines and splices for all kinds of fishing in freshwater, saltwater, fly fishing, spin fishing, big game and even boating knots. Tying directions use sleak drawings and photos. A must for every serious angler. 176 pages.

Crown Publishers • Lists for $5.95
SUBSCRIBERS CLUB SPECIAL—
$4.95 plus $1 L.I.F. Funny Money

SUCCESSFUL BLUEFISHING
by Hal Lyman

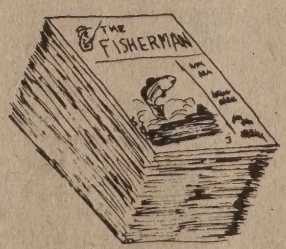
"Salt Water Sportsman" publisher Hal Lyman presents a lifetime of experience and research fishing for blues. Thorough coverage is given to the life cycle of the blue and to every angling method. 128 pages, 75 illus.

Int. Marine Pub • Lists for $10
SUBSCRIBERS CLUB SPECIAL—
$8 plus $2 L.I.F. Funny Money

TROUT FISHING
by Andy Gennaro

Here it is, all in one book! The most complete guide for the trout angler in New York, New Jersey, Conneticut, and Pennsylvania published by The Fisherman! Covers detailed tackle requirements, stream reading maps, fly emergence tables, bait, rigs, sea run trout, lake & stream fishing, knots and much more. 100 pages filled with detailed photos and diagrams.

L.I.F. Publishing Corp.
SUBSCRIBERS CLUB SPECIAL—
$1.95 plus $.25 postage and handling



FIBERGLASS ROD MAKING
by Dale Clemens

It's all here—every conceivable aspect of building fiberglass rods from the lightest trout wand to the largest big game trolling rod. Now you can make your own custom rods, tailored exactly to the kinds of fishing you do, to your physique, to the rod action you prefer, and to your taste in decoration and finish. 190 pages of step-by-step instructions. 196 photos & diagrams.

Winchester Press • Lists for $10
SUBSCRIBERS CLUB SPECIAL
$8 plus $2 L.I.F. Funny Money

The Complete Book of the STRIPED BASS
by Nicholas Karas

Practical fishing techniques for striped bass from soup to nuts. From the surf, bank, pier, jetty, bridge, boats. By trolling, casting, chumming and bait. Day and night! On conventional, spinning and fly rods. Setting up a bass boat and beach buggy. 365 pages, photos and diagrams.

Winchester Press • Lists for $10
SUBSCRIBERS CLUB SPECIAL—
$8 plus $2 L.I.F. Funny Money

MODERN SALTWATER SPORTFISHING
by Frank Woolner

Salt Water Sportsman's famed editor has put it all together in one complete, entertaining and educating volume. From knots and terminal tackle to surf, boating, bay and pier techniques. From flounder and fluke to stripers, snook and tuna, this book has it all. Woolner's easy to read style will make this one of the favorites on your book shelf. 365 pages, illustrated.

Crown Publishers • Lists for $8.95
SUBSCRIBERS CLUB SPECIAL—
$7.45 plus 1.50 L.I.F. Funny Money

NOTE: *Subscribers must send in check or money order and the required amount of* Funny Money *from their* Fisherman's Package *in order to receive the Subscribers Club Special Discounts. Non-subscribers to* The Long Island Fisherman *may purchase books for the list price and an additional $.50 postage each book.*

Send check or money order and required amount of *Funny Money* to:

ALLOW 2 WEEKS FOR DELIVERY

The Long Island Fisherman
P.O. Box 143, Dept. B
Deer Park, New York 11729

Limited Supply

Whiting Evans

The Casting Gourmet

"TUNA OLÉ"

Storing & Freezing Fish

Fresh from the **Seafood Data Bank**, a service of the National Marine Fisheries, comes this recipe for something delightful in the gastronomic art. I haven't tried it as yet—actually—but it reads like such a delicious concoction that you can well believe I shall do so. I quote from their latest release:

Say "Happy Holiday" With Tuna Ole

If family members and special friends are coming home for the holidays, you are probably planning a get-together. Or perhaps it's a gathering after skiing or a trim-the-tree party. Whatever the occasion, it's easy to entertain. The first consideration is usually food but what to serve that is easily prepared and still inexpensive can be a dilemna. If this describes you, you should consider the wonderful world of fish and shellfish. These tasty products are always waiting at the seafood or supermarket to assist and nourish, and they come in many varieties, fresh, frozen or canned. (You can even catch some of them yourself!)

If you are in a bind for time as well as money, consider tuna. This can-dandy fish is right and ready at the zip of a can opener. It combines with other foods readily for sandwiches, soups, chowders casseroles or canapes.

The National Fishery Education Center has a tuna recipe for you that is easily prepared, is moderate in cost, and so tasty that you'll want to keep it at the front of your favorite recipe file. **Tuna Ole** is a dip with a south-of-the-border flavor. A 6½ to 7 ounce can of tuna combined with other goodies makes 2½ cups of taste-tantalizing dip. Double or triple the recipe if your guest list is large. Sauteed onion and garlic in a creamy sauce is high-lighted with Cheddar cheese and the flavor is further enhanced with mild chiles and liquid hot pepper sauce. (Gourmet's note: When I saw that word "chiles" I frankly did not know what they were talking about. Looked it up and found that it is a kind of hot pepper—like that used in "chili con carne"—chili with meat.) Add the flaked tuna and keep the delectable mixture hot to serve. Corn chips or fried tortilla strips are ideal for your guests to scoop **Tuna Ole** and add a delightful crunch. Try it—You'll like it!

Tuna Ole

1 can (6½-7 ounces) tuna
2 tablespoons margarine or cooking oil
1 cup chopped onion (1 medium size)
3 cloves of garlic, minced
2 tablespoons flour
1 cup milk
12 ounces medium sharp Cheddar cheese grated
1 can (4 ounces) diced, mild green chiles
½ teaspoon liquid hot pepper sauce
Corn chips or fried corn tortilla strips

Drain and flake the tuna. Heat margarine or oil in a skillet. Add onion and garlic and saute until tender. Blend in flour. Add milk slowly and cook until thick stirring constantly. Gradually add cheese, stirring until melted and well-blended. Mix in Chiles, liquid hot pepper sauce and tuna. Serve with corn chips or fried corn tortilla strips. (Makes 2½ to 3 cups of dip.) (A chafing dish is the ideal vehicle in which to prepare and to serve Tuna Ole.)

Tips on Storing and Freezing Fish

When you are done fishing, either from the beach or from a boat, be sure that the fish you've caught are well-iced. When you get home be sure to drain off the melted ice so that the fish are not immersed in water. This is especially necessary if the fish have been cleaned or filleted.

After you have filleted your fish they may be kept in your refrigerator without freezing for up to even a week. Some say that three days is the maximum time but it has been my experience that well wrapped fillets still taste fresh if kept this longer time.

Fat or oily fishes, such as mackerel, bluefish, mullet, and salmon do not have nearly as long a freezer life, because the oils in their flesh tend to go rancid. When properly wrapped the non-oily fishes may be kept for a year and they will still taste fresh when served.

All fish should be wrapped well before freezing to avoid drying out (commonly called "freezer burn".) The dried spots in themselves are not harmful but your taste buds will reject them as being tough and tasteless.

The very best way to freeze fish is to surround them by water and to remove all air from the container. Most experts in this line advise freezing the fillets in a plastic or metal container such as an empty coffee can or the plastic ones to be found in the housewares department of a hardware store or department store. However, by so doing, you must first melt the ice from the whole container and then perhaps you'll have too much fish for one meal. You cannot re-freeze such thawed out fillets.

A simpler way to freeze small amounts—enough, say for two or three people, is to place the fillets in a plastic container such as the Zip-Loc bags. In order to remove all possibility of any air being present while freezing, fill a pail or large plastic basin with fresh water. Then, open the small plastic container under water and place the fillets in the container while your hands are still under the surface. Be sure all air bubbles have gone and then seal the container while still immersed.

If it is necessary to freeze a whole fish or a very large fillet, the best way to do it is to use heavy-duty wrapping paper, plastic-coated on one side. Tear off enough paper so that it will cover the fillet on all sides with plenty of overlap. Bring the sides together on top of the fish and fold down several times until snug. It's then a good idea to seal the ends with tape.

After you have prepared your fish in the above ways for freezing, it's a very good idea to use a black felt marker to label the contents and the date on which you started the freezing process.

WE HAVE

BLAZERS

—No Waiting—

4 Speeds • Automatics • A/C
CHEYENNE—8 In Stock

P.J. Grady, Inc. Est. 1914

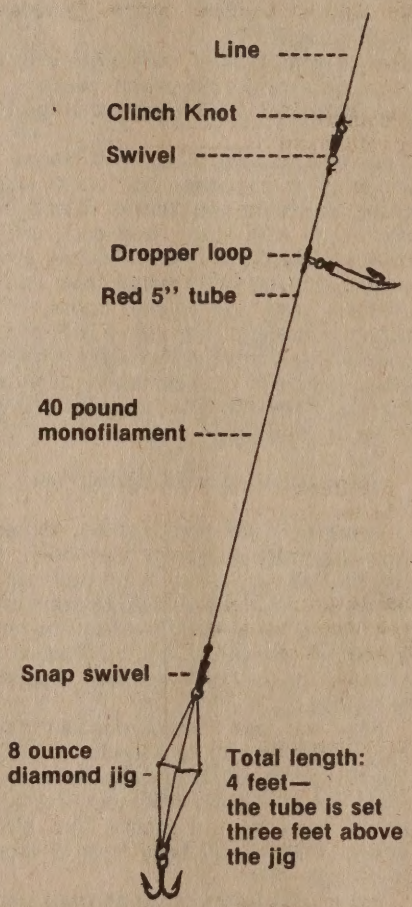
118 Montauk Highway
W. SAYVILLE, N.Y. • (516) 589-3100

CODFISH
The Bearded King
by Vincent Cantwell

In the cold winter waters lurks a fish of much reputation. From the early cod fisherman armed with handlines and dories, powered by oars, to modern day anglers equipped with advanced rods and reels, aboard superfast partyboats, driven by powerful diesels and outfitted with depth finders, radar, etc, reclining seats and bunks, the cod has reigned king on our offshore wrecks and freezing open bottoms. In his history he has created a breed of fisherman—dedicated to his capture, willing to brave the freezing temperatures, ice cold water, and numerous other tortures winter inflicts on them. What motivates this need for torture and frostbite, coupled with a fight for line in freezing conditions? My guess is the smell of fresh cod fillets being broiled, the exquisite flavor within him, the battle and challenge of winter codfishing, or the possible satisfaction of a monster cod pulling at the scale to a victory in the pool. Some sane fishermen ask if it is worth it, once you have tasted a fresh cod fillet you caught, cleaned, and cooked, there will be no doubt in your mind that it is worth everything it can be.

Winter codfishing can be rough if you outfit yourself improperly. A choice of warm clothing, good gloves, and plenty of food and hot coffee will make a world of difference. The "I can take it" attitude will get you nowhere but frostbitten, which is the winter codfisherman's second biggest enemy. Ice cold water is the winter codfisherman's number one enemy. This eventuality can be combated with waterproof or rubberized gloves and a deck suit. Armed with these two important items, combined with a good jacket, hat, long underwear, and wool socks, you should beat old man winters' vices reasonably well.

Codfishing today is nothing like it was during the age of schooners and dorys. Then you would be at sea for months. Today you are out for a day, or two at the most (2 if you partake in the miricle of wreck trips). Oars and handlines have been replaced by high ratio reels and diesel engines. Schooners have been pushed aside by partyboats, stoves replaced by heaters, bunks improved and reclining seats added. Many modern



boats have a restaurant or snack bar on board with a variety of food to be bought. Some boats have available ice for keeping fish cold and burlap bags may usually be purchased from the mate. Most boats also rent rods and reels for a nominal charge. Bait is always included in the fare which is in the neighborhood of twelve dollars a head to about fifteen dollars per person.

The most used and/or provided bait is a fresh skimmer clam. This bait is a good bait for all practicle purposes, however, the BEST bait is a dead skimmer clam. Almost all party boats provide fresh skimmers as bait since it is not practicle for them to use stale skimmers. The crew prepares the bait for the day while on route to the fishing grounds. The clams do not have time to die. If possible buy some fresh skimmers from a local fish store or bait shop the day before you plan to go fishing and let them die. Your efforts will make the noticible difference. A freshly dead bait will be accepted by fish quicker and by the bigger fish too. There will be less suspicion of the marvel of a shucked clam on the part of the cod if the bait is dead.

Some other near as good baits comparable to the fresh, live skimmer clam are chunks of mackerel, herring or a whole smelt. These baits too will catch fish and sometimes outfish or take the tempermental biggies or other size fish when they are on an off feed, which is sometimes due to incorrect water temperature. Whatever bait you use, baiting your hook correctly is essential. When using clams make sure the barb is exposed, such is true also with herring and cut mackerel. Most codfish have never seen a hook before, why hide it? The smelt is a different story however, hook it as you would for bluefish drifting, in the mouth, out the gill and back into the body near the vent. Never bunch up a smelt. It is not as productive. If you choose clams use only one whole skimmer. I have seen some fishermen use as much as two whole skimmers which will only complicate setting the hook and can result in lost fish. One clam is plenty. In fact if the fish are generally small, half a skimmer will be just what the doctor ordered. Don't forget to bring a huge rag. Skimmers are messy, especially when they are cold.

Water temperature is about the most important word to winter codfishing. If the water is too warm cod become sluggish and will not touch even the most enticing live skimmer. When the water temperature reaches about 42 degrees cold will feed readily and some good fishing will result.

Improper rigging can be a huge stumbling block in codfishing for many an inexperienced angler. There is an assortment of favorite rigs that will catch fish with some degree of efficiency on the market and in the notebooks of many experts. All these rigs will produce at some time. There is only one rig I know of that will produce most of the time. (See diagram). This rig employs three 5/0 bait holder beak hooks, rigged in

tree form at three different depths. This rig almost eliminates hook and leader entanglement and will take fish on the bottom and varing depths in between no matter if you are fishing a wreck or open bottom.

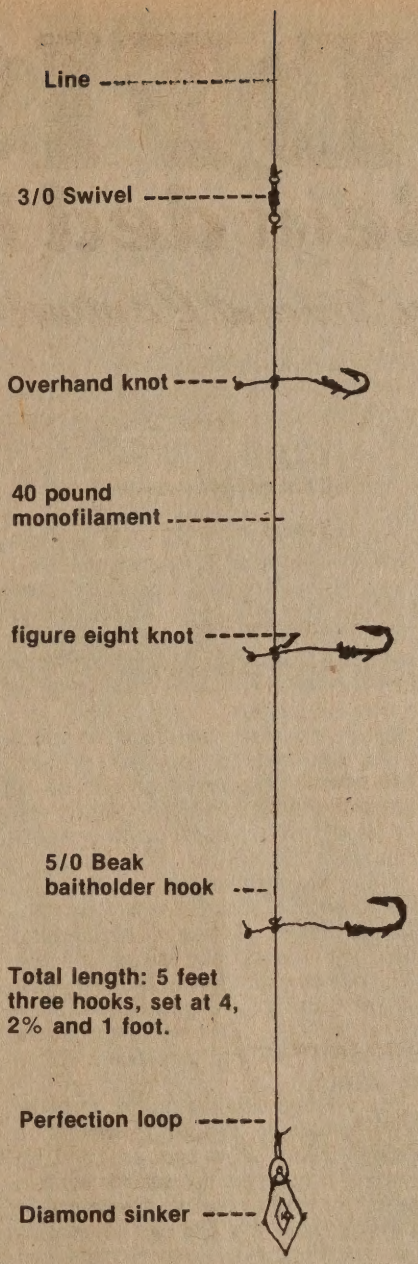
Most snelled hooks sold as cod hooks are much too large and have leaders which are too long and stiff. Stay away from these anchors and try to keep away from all gold or silver hardware too. Such jewelry serves no purpose except to scare fish off. It is advised that you shy away from plastic skirts or beads and other unnecessary neon signs. Big cod are spooky and such things can only scare them out of two years growth and usually cause more trouble then they do good. They are impossible to untangle. If you do decide to use any hardware (like the swivel at the top of your rig to reduce line twist) use only the blackened type. These swivels are of good nature and do little to no harm.

Unfortunately there is a slight selection to codfishing tackle. all of it stems from the conventional line and reasonably heavy at that too. Spinning tackle is out ruled here, due to the amount of line needed to reach the fish. Cod line runs in the 30 lb. and up class, where most spinning reels will not have the capacity to hold this test line in sufficient length which leaves us with conventional gear. Also the limber pole so often associated with the large spinning reel is or has insufficient backbone to horse a cod from the rocks. It's use will only result in horrible tangles and lost rigs. Please, have some mercy for the poor sole fishing next to you. Tangles aren't fun for anyone.

Your heavy trolling rod or boat rod, the one you use for bluefishing, will be fine. Just so long as it has some good backbone to it. Also longer rods are preferred. My favorite rod is 40 years old and 9 feet long. Telephone poles like this make cod jigging easier and provide better sport. These rods are hard to come by however, so use what you have in the sufficient weight class.

A reel of about 3/0 is great but anything will do, providing it has sufficient line capacity. You will need a reel that is capable of holding at least 200 yards of 30 pound test monofilament or heavier. High speed/ratio reels are also in order. Most codfishing is done in water anywhere from 70 to 120 feet or more. High ratio reels are easier on the arms. Fifteen or more complete reel-ins for bait changes, etc., plus fish fighting in freezing air a few times is enough to put Ray Adelt in the cabin with tired arms. Why make more work for yourself?

The most important thing to reels besides having enough line to reach bottom safely, is a smooth properly set drag. Keep it set loose—less than for bluefish. You can always add thumb



pressure if necessary. Too many fish and rigs are lost due to improper drag settings. Remember to check it often. A slip of the hand can mean disaster at the end of your line and in your fish bag as well.

Armed with these two pieces, a stiff rod and a good reel, you should have a more enjoyable trip.

There are a few codfishing techniques I feel deserve a paragraph or two.

Cod jigging is the first of them. Cod jigging is a method that accounts for many cod and a lot of pollack too. (Pollack often share the same ground as cod and are regularly taken while cod fishing.) In this type of fishing you need a medium heavy rod—light enough to faciliate easy jigging of at least seven feet. The rig used is an eight ounce or larger diamond jig and a five or six inch tube, a king sized mackerel tube, red in color. You build this rig with heavy monofilament and three knots. The use of two swivels one snap swivel, and one plain barrel swivel is well recommended if they are blackened. Tie the snap swivel to the base of your rig. This is where the jigs will go. Use a double clinch knot here. Then about three feet up your rod, tie in a dropper loop for your tube. After that, and one foot up from there comes the barrel swivel and the rig is complete. Making this rig is only half the battle. Fishing it correctly is another story.

Cast this rig as far as you can with an underhand flip. This type of casting is the only type allowed on partyboats for safety reasons. Let it settle to the bottom. Once on the bottom, reel in a few feet and start jigging. If you have casted far enough you will in a sense walk this rig along the bottom and a cod will often result. More often than not a pollack will beat the cod to your tube and a battle of excellent quality will be insured. When fast action is present tie on this rig and let the action become faster. Remember to set the hook hard and you will miss few fish. Try it. Besides, jigging will get the blood flowing and warm you up.

The next technique will deal with the fine points of basic bottom codfishing. The first rule involves the setting of your hook. When cod bite they mouth the bait before accepting it. Therefore you should not strike the fish on the first bite. Wait a few taps then give it to him. You will loose fewer strikes if you follow this idea. The second method deals with fighting the fish. It is called the "give em hell" method and is used by few and only experts or at least experienced anglers. It simply states, don't give up any more line then you absolutely have to. When a fish is felt or hooked a battle is witnessed that appears to be for life or death of the fisherman. It is for only the heavy long rods, heavy because of the lack of drag and long because of their tiring action which is required because of the lack of drag. If you are lucky enough to witness a hellborne angler fight a cod (many mates are of this trait) pay attention, it is a rarity. Besides it is fun to watch the guy's face go from laughter to horror as he finds he is into a real monster of a fish!

There are a lot of controversy about the cods fighting abilities. Many an experienced cod fisherman claim that an old boot filled with mud fights three times better than any cod ever could. Although cod under 20 pounds are not bluefish they can make excellent account of themselves, especially the monsters. And there is always the chance that the next monster will be yours. Then you will have your hands full for quite a while. But what better account can they make of themselves on the end of a fork?

Whiting Fishing

by Matt Ahern

I caught my first whiting when knee-high to the proverbial grasshopper. It was caught on drop line while codfishing on the Cholera Banks. Since that long ago day, many whiting have gone into my fish bucket. I've found them easy to catch, plentiful, affording much sport, and, of prime importance now, providing the fisherman with a very satisfactory way of beating the high cost of living.

Whiting are often caught from ocean-jutting piers and jetties, but most are caught from party boats specializing in this fishing. The angler just can't miss when whiting fishing from a boat. The codfisherman also finds them a back-stop par excellence when his hoped-for quarry decides to become finicky.

Sometimes caught over wrecks and rocky ledges, most whiting are found over an open bottom consisting of mud or gravel, and are often accompanied by ling and an occasional cod. Except at night when chasing bait, whiting seldom venture into shallow water.

Long Island and New Jersey fishermen having access to the New York Bight are practically assured of whiting. It is from this area local party boats carry swinging loads of expectant fishermen to the prolific whiting grounds. The fisherman is seldom disappointed.

Tackle requirements are simple. Any medium-weight boat rod equipped with conventional reel capable of holding at least 100 yards of thirty pound test monofilament will be found to be satisfactory. The thirty pound test line is recommended as there is always a chance of tangling with an outsize cod.

A bank-style sinker is preferable, its weight depending of course on strength of current and rate of drift. Drifting should be done whenever possible, as more fish will be taken by this method no matter how choice the spot may be.

Whiting are voracious feeders and will hit any type of shiny lure with a vengence. For the angler fishing aboard a private craft or charter boat, whiting are easily taken by flashing a two-to four-ounce diamond jig two feet off bottom. This is when a medium-weight spinning rod can be used for maximum sport. Lower the jig to the bottom, reel in a few turns and begin jigging. You'll have one immediately.

Whiting have a large mouth filled with needle-sharp teeth capable of inflicting a nasty bite, so it is a good idea to use long shanked hooks whenever possible. Any 3/0 or 4/0 Carlisle or Kirby hook will fill the bill nicely.

Many whiting fishermen use five and six hooks; some a multi-hook mackerel tree. I believe two hooks are plenty, and that's all I've ever used. At the end of the fishing day, I've noticed I'm not too far behind the five-hook fishermen who seem to be continuously rebaiting or sorting out tangles.

Simply attach the lower hook so that it clears the sinker by eighteen inches. Then place the second high enough to clear the first by a foot. This rig-up will get all the whiting one could possibly want.

If ling are present and you'd like to add them to your catch, it is important that your lower hook be on the bottom. Ling will occasionally swim off the bottom when tempted, but the fisherman will get more by making it easy for them to grab the bait. Just lower your bottom hook so that it's tied two inches above the sinker.

The average whiting caught by local sport fishermen probably weighs a half-pound, but larger ones are common and the angler can expect to catch a number of these. Whiting are known to reach eight pounds, but I've never seen one. Catch one over three and you can brag a little.

Cod are the great roamers of the sea and are often found with ling and whiting; the experienced whiting fisherman is never surprised when one seizes his bait. When cod are caught, it goes without saying these are the pool winners.

From my own experience when whiting fishing, I don't believe it pays to fish exclusively for cod by employing out-sized baits, no matter how tempting the thought. Doing so will cause you to miss many whiting.

The selection of bait is no problem. When aboard a party boat you'll probably use skimmer or whiting strips. Of the two, I believe the strips are best. Not only will whiting show a decided preference for fish bait, it is tougher than skimmer, making it unnecessary to rebait so often. This can mean much on a cold, finger-nipping day.

Any type of fish bait will be hungrily accepted by whiting: sand eel, spearing and herring and mackerel strips are all good. Experienced fishermen slice their first whiting into three or four inch strips and run the hook through several times, allowing the point to protrude. When using these strips it is best to allow an inch or two to hand free. It's also a good idea to keep the bait in motion by jigging.

Much whiting fishing is done around the Ambrose Tower grounds. From here to the famous "Mud Hole" of giant tuna fishing days, thousands of whiting are caught each day. Quite often large schools congregate in the forty to fifty-foot depths offshore of Sandy Hook's Cedars. It was from here we used to catch large white hake when desiring to settle a pool.

The springtime mackerel-producing grounds off Long Island's south shore often have whiting in quantity. So, also, the deeper waters of the Southeast Grounds. The fisherman should first try the deep "pockets" in all these recommended areas for best results.

As noted before, whiting often come close to shore on winter nights. It is then the shore-bound angler stands a good chance of success. But this fishing can often be a hit-or-miss proposition. One night the fisherman might become arm-weary hooking whiting after whiting the instant his bait reaches bottom; the next night may quite possibly prove a first-class dud. All this is dependent upon the inshore movement of bait fish at a given time. There is no exact way of foretelling this, but usually if the fishing has been good several nights in a row, the chances are excellent you'll connect.

Coney Island's Steeplechase Pier has been a favorite whiting spot as long as I can remember; so are the adjacent jetties. New Jersey's Long Branch pier has always been a hot-spot. A word of caution: jetty fishing can be dangerous not only to the the inexperienced fisherman, but also to anyone not equipped to clamber about wet, seaweed slippery rocks in the dark. Bring a buddy along for safety.

Another area from which I've caught whiting from time to time are the Far Rockaway jettys. If you try this area, it is important to cast out far as possible and jig the bait back as if fluke fishing. Motionless bait will get few nightime whiting.

Another spot that sometimes produces is the west jetty at Shinnecock Inlet at Hampton Bays. It is important to fish from the end, casting straight out into the sea far as possible. I've never had luck when casting into the inlet proper. Any of the baits mentioned will take fish from these jettys, but I've found sand eels have the edge.

As with all jetty fishing, and particularly at Shinnecock, be sure the sea is calm. Keep an eye on the incoming tide and always leave at the first sign of a freshening onshore wind. Don't take unnecessary chances, no matter how well the fish bites.

When conditions are right, which means an incoming tide, a normal surf, and schools of foraging bait fish, whiting can often be taken by walking the surf line at night. It is then whiting chase bait fish right to the water's edge, and in their frenzy often throw themselves onto the beach.

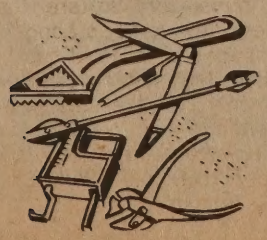
To get these fish, a good light, a fish spear or long-handled net is all that's required. The fisherman must often race to the stranded fish before the next receding wave carries them back to sea. It may take some fancy foot-work to succeed, but is is exhilarating sport and a good time is enjoyed by all.

Whiting are delicious eating, whether turned into choice fillets, pan-fried, baked or smoked. A smoked whiting must be eaten to be believed.

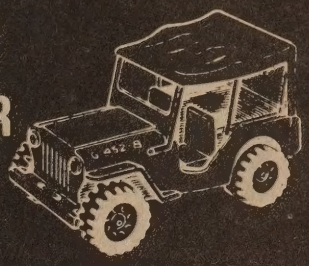
Luckily, with the amount of whiting usually caught, they are the easiest of fish to clean. First, scale your catch. Start cleaning by sticking a sharp knife through the side of the fish slightly aft of the pectoral fin located near the head. Hold the blade at an angle to the vent and slice through with one motion. Now cut off the head. You'll have entrails and head in one piece, with the gut cavity clean and in need of only a light washing under running water.

Actually, when you get the hang of it, you'll be able to clean a whiting in five seconds. Honest!

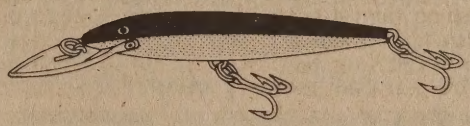
Go out and get some of these delicious fish at the earliest opportunity. You won't be sorry. Guaranteed!



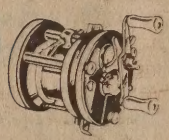
4 Wheel Drive
DISCOUNT
TIRE & WHEEL CENTER
Wide Tires ★
Wide Wheels



We Challenge Anyone to Beat Our Prices
Southampton Tire Center, Inc.
formerly Eastern General Tire
Next to McDonald's
N. Sea Rd. at N. Highway
Southampton
283-4205



The One And Only!
Plaza Sports
131 MASTERS PLAZA
CENTEREACH, N.Y. 516-585-1215
L.I.E. Exit 62 N. To Rt. 25, Then W. ½ Mi.



COUPON	COUPON	COUPON
DAIWA 2500 Stainless Steel, Ball Bearing $16.95 LIMITED QUANTITIES 1st Come—1st Served With Any Purchase Of $10 Or More Of Any Non-Sale Item	CRACK 300 $20.95 Limited Quantities 1st Come, 1st Served With Any Purchase Of $10 Or More Of Any Non-Sale Item	PENN 704 $16.95 LIMITED QUANTITIES 1st Come—1st Served With Any Purchase Of $10 Or More Of Any Non-Sale Item

COUPONS ONLY—*Cash & Carry Only. No checks or charges on Sale Items.* Sale Ends 12-25-75
Store Hours: Mon.-Sat. 8:30AM—10PM • Sun. 8AM—2PM

CAPITOL FISHING TACKLE
218 W. 23 St. N.Y., N.Y. Est. 1897
Fantastic Christmas Sale!!!

MITCHELL 386—$18.99
MITCHELL 302—$22.95
MITCHELL 300—$14.95
MITCHELL 306—$21.95
QUICK 330N—$19.95
GARCIA 622 *Boat Reel*—$10.99
GARCIA 624 *Boat Reel*—$12.99

Closeout Prices On All Tackle Boxes!
Christmas Rod Riot Closeout!
GARCIA SURF RODS *Starting at $10.99*

MON.—FRI. 8AM/5PM • SAT. 9AM/3PM • (212) 929-6132

The Long Island FISHERMAN

FISHING TRIP CONTEST

The Long Island Fisherman is holding a contest where our readers can win a fishing trip for two on the open boat of their choice and a $10 cash prize. All the fisherman has to do is stop in at one of the 45 convenient locations listed below and pick up an L.I.F. litter box for the rear window of his car. Each week the license plate number of a car spotted with a litter box will be published—if it's yours, just call *The Fisherman* by 5 P.M. that Friday and tell us the make and model of the car and you're a winner! If no call is received by the deadline, the cash prize will accumulate.

THIS WEEK'S WINNING LICENSE PLATE NUMBER IS:
896-XEQ

Pick Up Your Litter Box At One Of These Locations

MONTAUK
Grady Marine
Tumas Tackle

OZONE PARK
Channel Rod & Gun Shop
Marino's Tackle

BALDWIN
Baldwin Marine Supply

ISLAND PARK
Ralphs Tackle & Sporting
K & K Outboards, Inc.
Commodore Fishing Station

POINT LOOKOUT
Ed's Fishing Station

BAYSHORE
Mainland Marine

FARMINGDALE
Mike's Fishing Tackle

EAST ISLIP
Starfish Marine
Wet-A-Line

GREENLAWN
Greenlawn Sports

HUNTINGTON STATION
Four Winds Tackle
Ronnie's Bait and Tackle

ISLIP
Islip Marine Center

MILLER PLACE
Dick's Sporting Goods
Queensland Cove Tackle

PORT JEFFERSON STATION
Port Jefferson Sport Shop

PORT JEFFERSON
Caraftis & Sons Boat Station

ROCKY POINT
Bob's Lockeroom

MOUNT SINAI
Ralph's Fishing Station

LONG BEACH
Long Beach Sports

LINDENHURST
Charlie's Bait & Tackle
Charlie's West Tackle
Duke's Tackle Shop

COPAIGUE
S.T.P.A Copaigue

AMITYVILLE
George Combs Tackle
Jonas Bait & Tackle
Sportackular

SEAFORD
Lon Wanser Tackle
Eastern Reel Service

WANTAGH
Causeway Bait & Tackle

BELLMORE
Kwak's Tackle
Merrick Marine Supply

AQUEBOGUE
Warren's Tackle Center

MATTITUCK
North Fork Market

FREEPORT
Al Grover's
Charvin Marine
Grove & Atlantic Beer
Schultz Sporting Goods
Sea Isle Sports
Mako Marina
Anthony's Fishing Station
Dockside Diner
Hudson Point Marina

HAMPTON BAYS
Skidmore's Sport Shop
Three Aces Fishing Center
Bradley's Fishing Station

CENTEREACH
Plaza Sports

S. JAMESPORT
Jamesport Fisherman Haven

SOUTHOLD
Port of Egypt

GREENPORT
Art White's Bait Shop

LYNBROOK
Beckman's Tackle

DEER PARK
A & B Sporting Goods

EAST NORTHPORT
Larkfield Sports Center
S.T.P.A Elwood
The Great Outdoors

COMMACK
R & R Sporting Goods
Commack Sports Center

SMITHTOWN
Smithtown Sports

HOWARD BEACH
Crossbay Rod & Gun
Noehren's Bait & Tackle

MANHATTAN
John Baumann's
Capitol Fishing Tackle
Robbins Rod & Reel

BROOKLYN
Bernies Bait & Tackle
Mike's Tackle
Stella Maris
Ted's Tackle

CAPTREE
Captree Bait Station

BABYLON
Hi-Hook Fishing Station
Augie's Bait & Tackle
Babylon Fishing Station
Babylon Sports Center
Babylon Yacht Marina

OAK BEACH
The Store

CITY ISLAND
Jack's Bait & Tackle

FLUSHING
B & B Sporting Goods
Aqua Pet Sports Center
Empire Sports

MORICHES
Moriches Bait & Tackle

CENTER MORICHES
Dicks Tackle Box
B&B Tackle & Sports

Weekly winners of the L.I.F Litter Box Contest may chose a trip for two aboard one of the following boats as their prize:

MONTAUK
Viking Star
Peconic Queen II
Marlin III

CAPTREE
Speedy V
Capt. Ben Litwin
Capt. Joseph Fleet

FREEPORT
Aloma II

SHEEPSHEAD BAY
Amberjack IV
Cheif

NORTH SHORE
Port Jeff Ace
Betty W

SHEEPSHEAD BAY

SNAGGED RIGS
(Continued from page 6.)

will cost even less and the quantity will make it easier for you to lose a few rigs. Next, look at the area you fish, especially at low tide, and make a note of the type of bottom you are confronting. Avoid casting over impossible obstructions that may become submerged during flood tide. All of this will put you in a better frame of mind when you begin to get caught up. And when you do snag the next time, give the above a try.

NEW **AMBERJACK IV** NEW

SHEEPSHEAD BAY—Pier III 7AM Mon./Fri. 6AM Sat., Sun. & Hol.
ALL POSSIBLE ELECTRONICS—112' ALL STEEL FISHING YACHT
SLEEPING ACCOMMODATIONS—LADIES ACCOMMODATIONS
FULL RESTAURANT • BAIT • TACKLE AVAILABLE

COD

Capt. Fred 212-646-8083 — Capt. Jim 212-336-2050

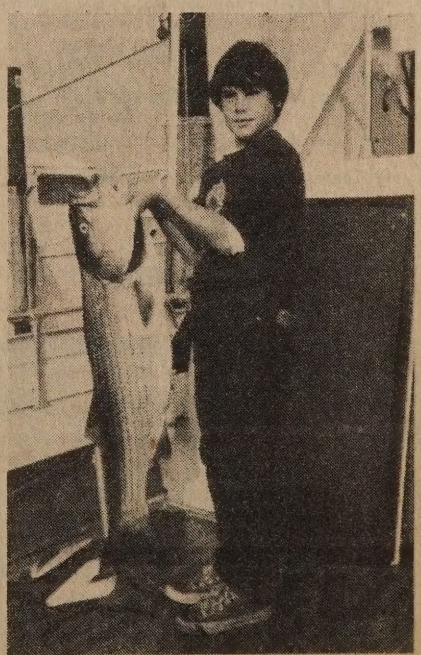
When others are catching fish...
ARE YOU READY?
You aren't if you don't read
The Long Island
FISHERMAN

SHEEPSHEAD BAY'S ONE & ONLY 65' CHARTER BOAT
NEW **BIG MOHAWK II** NEW
65' LONG—20' WIDE—FAST TWIN DIESELS—600 h.p.
7AM—OPEN BOAT, SAT., SUN. & HOL.—7AM
Pier 9 **COD • COD** Enter the Big COD TOURNAMENT
Book Now for Fall & Winter Cod • Choice Dates Still Avail.
"Newest Electronics for your Safety, Confort & Fishing Success"
Capt. Tony Barbato (212) MI-7-7554 Capt. Dan Kenny (212) EL-1-1066

COD
1975's QUEEN OF SHEEPSHEAD BAY
"The All Brand New"
HELEN H
Fabulous—Fast—100' All Aluminum Space Age Supercruiser
Restaurant • Lounge • Sun Deck • Bait Tackle • Helpful Mates
The Latest In Fish Finding Electronics
WE WELCOME YOU ABOARD
Capt. Huck (212) 648-1921
Capt. George (516) 541-3293
Capt. Joe (Formerly of the B'klyn) (212) 332-0205
6AM EVERY DAY
• Pier 9 •

"CHIEF"
112' FAST, MODERN TWIN DIESEL
WHITING • WHITING
10AM EVERY DAY (Exc. Mon.)
Special Attention to Beginners
All Electronics • Snack Bar • Tackle
SHEEPSHEAD BAY • PIER 5
"Finest Equipped Boat In Any Fleet"
Capt. Wrege • (516) PE 5-1829
Mates: *Joe Ecock & Sons*
WHITING • WHITING • WHITING

***You're* the Solution to Water Pollution!**



Donald Womble, 12, with his first striper weighing 20 lbs., caught off Gilgo on a Lupo Spoon. The bass was trolled from the cruiser "Helen J".

Today's Best Buy
The Long Island
FISHERMAN

SHEEPSHEAD BAY • PIER 1
NEW ZEPHYR
Sails 7AM Sat., Sun. & Hol.
WHITING & LING
Capt. Butch (212) 375-2892 after 6PM

BLUE SEA II
75' Open Boat—Full Electronics
SAILING 8AM EVERY DAY
Large Night Charters Available
Pier 8 • SHEEPSHEAD BAY
Capt. Nick Cannisi • (212) TA-7-0791

Don't be a Water-Litterbug!

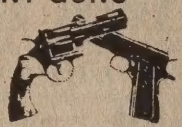
SPORTING GOODS

THE CAMP- SITE
FISHING TACKLE • ARCHERY EQPT.
LONG GUNS • HANDGUNS • AMMO
REEL REPAIRS • RELOADING EQPT.
CAMPER & TRAVEL TRAILERS
TRUCK CAMPERS & CAPS
CAMPING SUPPLIES • HITCHES INST.
BICYCLE SLS. & SVC.-GUNSMITHING
(516) 271-4969
1877 New York Ave. (rt. 110) Huntington Sta.

When others are catching fish...
ARE YOU READY?
You aren't if you don't read
The Long Island FISHERMAN

ATTENTION:
ROD & GUN CLUBS
Looking for new members? Have an announcement to make of interest to our readers? Then let us know and we'll print it under "Club News."

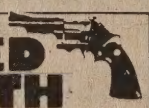
DISCOUNT GUNS


SPORTING • POLICE • SECURITY
WHOLESALE—RETAIL
World of Guns
992 Conklin Street
EAST FARMINGDALE, N.Y.
(Off Rt. 110, opposite Fairchild Aviation)
(516) 249-1832

R&R SPORTING GOODS
HUNTING & FISHING HEADQUARTERS

Guns Bought • Sold • Traded
Gunsmithing Service
Reloading & Police Eqpt. • Archery
Gen. Sporting Goods • Bowling
(516) 864-9699
1090 Jericho Tpke., COMMACK

FISHING
TACKLE & EQUIPMENT

LICENSED GUNSMITH

RIFLES • SHOTGUNS • HANDGUNS • AMMO
Reloading Eqpt. • Muzzle Loading Supplies & Components • Police Supplies • Custom Knives
• New & Used Guns • Bought, Sold & Traded •
HR: MON-FRI. 6 pm-9:30 pm SAT. 10 am-5 pm
CLIFF EBERHARD
32 5TH AVE., BAY SHORE, L.I., (516) 665-5461

Beach Buggy & Camper Service Our Specialty!
Igloo Fish Boxes for Buggy or Boat
Bumper & Side Mount Rod Holders
Tackle • Fish Box Platforms •
4-W/D Accessories • Trailer Parts
& Access. • Hitches • Camping Eqpt.
• Gear Boxes Fabricated •
LEISURE SPORTS
1148 Sunrise Hwy., COPIAGUE (516) 842-3666

SUPER-SHARP fillet knife
AT LAST!!! A long-bladed, rust-proof stainless steel fillet knife. Stays extra super-sharp whether used on pan fish or sharks. The SUPER-SHARP blade is perfect for tough-skinned fish. Preferred by charter boat captains and mates.
You must be 100% satisfied or a full refund anytime within 30 days.
Send $9.95 to
MARINE ASSOCIATES / Dept. NL
P.O. Box 217 Teaneck, N.J. 07666

You're the Solution to Water Pollution!

SANTO'S SPORT SHOP, INC.
"WHERE IT'S AT FOR THE FISHERMAN"
1493 HYLAN BLVD.
STATEN ISLAND N.Y. 10305
DAILY 10 AM
Sat. & Sun. 9 AM (Closed Hol.) (212) 987-0302

ATTENTION DEALERS
FOR ALL FISHING TACKLE
For Best Prices — For Fast Delivery
CALL YOUR LOCAL L.I. JOBBER
ALL TACKLE DISTRIBUTORS
DEER PARK, N.Y. (516) 586-6160

CARTER
WANTS DEALERS TO CALL FOR ALL OF THEIR FISHING TACKLE & SPORTING GOODS NEEDS
Huge Inventory—Priced Right!
—Send For Our Free Catalog—
CARTER DISTRIBUTERS
Box 468, Cooper Sta., N.Y., N.Y. 10003

Island Fish Net & Supply Co., Inc.
(516) 589-0749
142 RAILROAD AVE. SAYVILLE, N.Y. 11782

CANOR PLAREX CLOTHING • HELLY HANSEN FOUL WEATHER GEAR •
VIKING THERMAL BOOTS • ELVSTROM BOOTS • HIP BOOTS • WADERS
ROPE OF ALL KINDS • MARINE HARDWARE • CHAINS • BLOCKS
TURNBUCKLES • WOOLRICH CLOTHING • DEXTER KNIVES • ANCHORS
THERMAL & RUBBER GLOVES • BAIT NETS • GILL NETS • LOBSTER POTS • POT HAULERS • BRASSWARE • EEL POTS • COMM'L. CLAM RAKES • CRAB TRAPS • DIP NETS

Today's Best Buy
The Long Island FISHERMAN

SOUTH SHORE Fishing Report

MONTAUK

Captain Paul Forsberg of the **Viking Star** told us that the codfishing off Block Island on Saturday was fantastic. There were a lot of green fish that have moved into the area and the average cod was 10 to 20 pounds with the pool taken by a 40 pounder. A few big pollack were also taken on the clam baits and there were mackerel in the area. Fishing was fair during the week and Sunday was good.

Captain Brad Glas of the **Helen II** told us that the codfishing in the Cartwright area was very good on Saturday. Average per man was 4 to 5 cod and loads of blackfish 8 to 12 pounds. The cod ranged from 15 to 22 pounds with 5 fish over 30. Mackerel are also moving in and out of the area. Brad told us that he still has a few choice open dates for his 10 man charters for $180.

Captain Dick Vigillant of the **Triton II** reported that the striped bass are practically gone and virtually no one is fishing for them. On Saturday and Sunday more codfish were taken then blackfish for the first time in the Cartwright area. On Saturday 12 people took 50 cod and 40 blacks and the pool was taken by a 40 lb. cod. On Sunday 8 people took 40 cod up to 25 pounds and about 40 blackfish ranging from 5 to 10 pounds. The codfish averaged 10 to 15 pounds. Rigging is with a hi-low rig, green crab on the bottom hook for blacks and clam or conch on the top hook for cod.

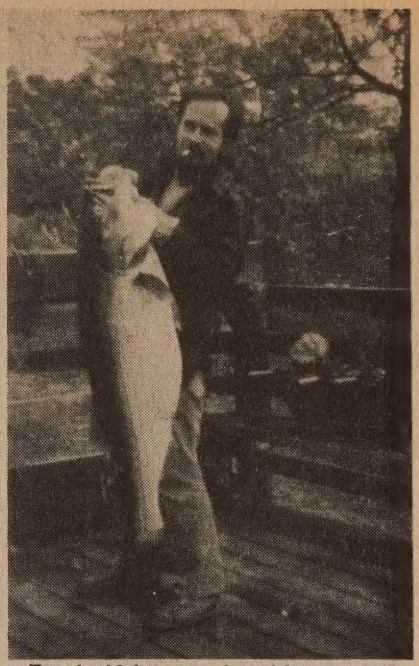
Bill Stanley and Lou Rosado of the **Hermans Sporting Goods store** in Rego Park fished Montauk and took 9 striped bass to 35½ pounds on live eels and Ava-27 Diamond Jigs fishing from Lou's boat. They also took 8 blues to 14 pounds and Bill got the big bass.

CAPTREE

Captain George Tweedy of the **Captain Scotty** reported good codfishing all week and on Sunday. Best catch was on Monday with 90 cod taken including one of 40 pounds and several in the 30 pound range. On Thursday David Blasko of Brooklyn took a 48 pound cod and several others in the 30 to 35 lb. class were boated. On Friday 60 cod ranging from 10 to 12 pounds were caught in addition to a load of dogfish. On Sunday there were not many dogs and 60 codfish were taken, mostly late in the day. There are a lot of whiting inshore south of the Whistler buoy in 70 to 80 feet of water and catches can be 40 to 50 fish a man if you really work at it. The codfish are all on open bottom with the best area being south and southeast of the NB buoy.

Captain Ben Litwin reported that the beautiful weather on Sunday made for the best fishing of the week. Hi-hook was 5 cod and the pool was taken by a 32 pounder. Saturday's fishing was poor. Open bottom is best southeast of the NB buoy in 110 to 115 feet of water.

Captain Neil Delanoy of the **Lady Ann** reported that fishing was good during the week when the crowds were small, and only fair on the weekends because 40 to 75 cod are being taken a day no matter how many people are aboard. Almost every day 4 to 5 cod over 30 pounds are taken and the average fish goes 10 to 12 pounds. Best area is south of the NB buoy in 100 feet of water. Neil also gave us the first report of Russian trawlers working off Fire Island Inlet.



Frank Krist caught this 55 lb. striper from the surf just west of Moriches Inlet on a live eel on the last of the outgoing tide. Subscriber Club Photo.

North Shore

OPEN BOATS
HEATED CABIN
FREE HOT DRINKS

EVER-READY FLEET
HUNTINGTON
Capt. Don Constantin
Nassau (516) 486-6022
Suffolk (516) 427-1121

Blacks & Flounder

ALL DAY TRIPS
SATURDAY & SUNDAY 8AM—3PM

$10 a per., Free Fiddlers If Avail., Tackle Avail.

Big Fish Contest—$100 Grand Prize Cosponsored by Knutson's Marina & Four Winds Tackle
At Knutson's North Marina—L.I.E. Exit 49N to end of Rt. 110N (N.Y. Ave) Huntington (*Next to Halesite Fire Dept.*)

CONNECTICUT

HEL-CAT
BOOKING LARGE GROUP CHARTERS FOR WINTER COD & BLACKS
Call for Rates & Dates
(203) 536-8088 • (203) 445-5991
181 Thames St., GROTON, Conn.
—Watch For Open Boat Trips—

SPORTSMAN'S DEN
BAIT • TACKLE • MARINE SUPPLIES • GUNS • AMMO • FISHING INFO • FLY TYING MATERIAL
121 River Rd. Ext. (Cnr. US#1-Post Rd.)
Cos Cob (Town of Greenwich) Conn.
FISHING LICENSES (203) 869-3234

CAPTREE

SPEEDY V
COD 6AM
Fishing Famous Fire Island Wrecks
Right Side of dock • (516) 661-1652
Capt. SPEEDY HUBERT

YANKEE
65 FOOT CHARTER BOAT
FISH IN COMFORT
Plenty of Room—Hot Water Heat
COD Split Charters Avail. Some Dec. & Jan. Dates Available
CAPT. BOB PATAFIO (516) 221-3300 days
(516) 798-4551 Nites & Weekends

Captree's Largest, Fastest, Most Comfortable
JOSEPH IV II
Fire Island Wrecks
COD 6AM
JOSEPH COD 7AM
Large Parties Accom.
Left Side of Dock
(516)567-2188 • (516)669-2840

For INFORMATION ON FREE BOATING COURSES
in your neighborhood, given by the U.S. Power Squadrons
CALL: (toll free)
800 243·6000

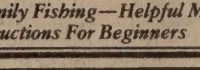
LADY ANN

Right Side of Dock—Sailing for Speedy V
OPEN BOAT—ALL WINTER
6AM Daily— COD
Fish with the "CODFATHER"
Now Booking Charters For 1976 Season
Capt. Walter Specht, Jr. (516) 678-5175
Capt. Neil Delanoy (516) 698-5918

Capt. SCOTTY
Cod Fire Island Wrecks
6AM SAT. & SUN.
7AM WEEKDAYS
Right Side of [illegible] by Bait Station
Women & Children Accommodated
CAPTREE MO 9-2256 MO 9-0627

SELL IT THRU
The Long Island FISHERMAN
Classified!

Captree's Finest & Newest
NEW JIB VI V
FLOUNDER 8am SAT. & SUN.
7am WEEKDAYS 6am WEEKENDS
COD
Best In Family Fishing—Helpful Mates
Instructions For Beginners

CAPT. BEN LITWIN
COD 6AM Every Day
CLEAN BOAT
LOCATED AT LEFT SIDE OF DOCK
CAPTREE BOAT BASIN

Instructions for Beginners
(516) MO 1-2764

N.Y. BIGHT Fishing Report

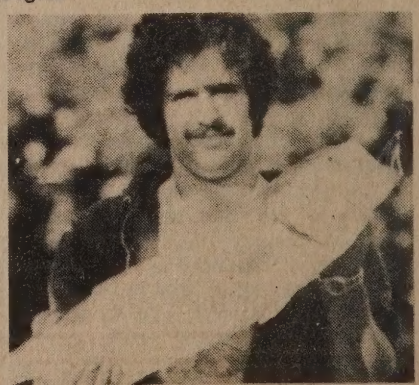
FREEPORT

The **Starstream II** has had fair codfishing all week. They have gotten at least 50 or 60 cod each day. They are all of good size and a few biggies were taken. Walter Sayder of N.Y.C. had a 45 lb. cod. Moses Robertson also of N.Y.C. took one of 34 lbs. and George Kramer of Staten Island had a 31 pounder. Colder water temperatures should bring in more cod. A few whiting and mackerel have been taken.

Capt. John Grimiley of the **Aloma** said they have been sailing on the weekends for cod. The codfishing has yet to really begin but their catches have been about 50 fish. The average cod is at least 4-5 lbs. and the pool winner of the weekend was 22 lbs.

Dave Piggott of the **Lucky Strike III** said one week ago he was out with his family and they caught over 100 lbs. of cod. This was done with only 9 fish. Flounder at present are quiet.

Captain Sy Karlin of the charterboat **Bluefin** called to report a good catch of cod on Saturday while fishing southeast of the inlet in 75 feet of water over open bottom. There were 19 fish for 4 non seasick anglers, with Fred Freeman of Bayside hi-hook with 5 cod. The pool was taken by Carlos Velas of Rockville Center with a 22 pounder. In addition 63 whiting were subdued and boated. Very few dogies.



John Antignano, local surf fisherman of Long Beach with one of the 38 blues and stripers taken this year. The blue weighed 14 lbs. 2 oz. and all the fish were taken on Hopkins Shorty 150, with yellow feathers and pork rind. Subscriber Club Photo.

FREEPORT

—FREEPORT'S FINEST—
Fish First Class On The All New 85 Ft.
1974 CAPTAIN JACK'S 1974
★ STARSTREAM II ★
COD FISHING 6AM DAILY
• All Aluminum • Latest Electronics • Large Heated Cabin
• Cruises at 20 Knots—Greater Range—More Fishing Time
CAPT. RICHIE KESSINGER Charter Boats Avail. (516) FR 9-2753

Fast, Comfortable 60' Diesel
Est. Since 1937
ALOMA
COD
Saturday & Sunday 6AM
Capt. John Grimley (516) FR-9-0327

FISH WITH THE
CAPT. AL
FREEPORT'S LARGEST, FASTEST MOST MODERN ALL STEEL PARTY BOAT WITH 30 YEARS EXPERIENCE AT THE HELM
GIANT COD
5:30AM
DAILY
DON'T LET YOUR FISHING TRIP BE A SHUT OUT!!!
Take advantage of our
30 YEARS EXPERIENCE!
WE GUARANTEE ACTION!
Poop Deck Dock (516) MA 3-2248
CHARTERS AVAILABLE

40' & 50' CHARTER BOATS
EMPIRE FLEET
BOOK NOW!!!
Cod
FREEPORT
Capt. Marty (212) 699-0871
Capt. Mike (516) 546-0189

DOCK ONE
31 Ft. BERTRAM SPORTFISHERMAN
BEST IN CHARTER FISHING
All Long Island & New Jersey Waters
CAPT. J. HALL (516) 798-7531

The Long Island
FISHERMAN
Long Island's ONLY weekly for fishermen!

LUCKY STRIKE III
40' CHARTER • FLOUNDER/COD
BOOK FOR COD NOW
Muller's Dock, FREEPORT
FREE COFFEE
(516) 822-3648

FREE L.I.F. COPIES FOR ORGANIZATIONS

Any Power Squadrons, Coast Guard Auxiliary Flotillas, Fishing Clubs or other organizations giving boating or fishing courses may arrange to receive free copies of The Long Island Fisherman for their students by calling Scott at L.I.F. (516) 667-6633.

ISLAND PARK

The **Ginnie-Mae** had a very good Saturday codfishing according to Capt. Bill. They caught over 40 cod most averaging 8-10 pounds. The pool fish weighed 25 pounds. Sunday was a so-so trip that ended up with only 17 cod. Some mackerel and whiting were caught on both trips.

SHEEPSHEAD BAY

Big Mohawk reports pretty good cod fishing on Saturday according to Capt. Tony. Tony himself took a 36 pound 12 ounce cod while showing the fares how to fish. Sunday saw a big heave in the ocean south of Cholera and that may have been the reason for only 7 fish for 7 men. Tony said a few mackerel have been showing.

Capt. Butch of the **New Zephyr** is now ling and whiting fishing. The whiting are avaraging ¾ to 1½ pounds and the ling to from 1½ lbs. up. Sunday proved very productive with catches of at least a 5 gal. pail per person. Saturday was slow as they were not able to drift.

Although the cod seem to have gotten smaller there are more of them says Capt. Huck of the **Helen H**. Friday and Saturday were pretty good codfishing days with Sunday being somewhat slow. Friday's pool winner was John Farrow o Brooklyn who had a 31 lb. cod.

Carl Fusaro of Huntington caught this 52 pound 1 ounce striper on live bunker in Huntington Harbor and won 3rd prize in the Island Marine Taxidermy Contest. Subscriber Club Photo.

MONTAUK

FISH THE VIKING FLEET—
Montauk's Most Respected Name In Fishing!

NEW SUPER 104'

VIKING STAR CAPT. PAUL FORSBERG

4:30 AM EVERY DAY

NOW FISHING OFFSHORE WRECKS.
GIANT COD & POLLACK, BLACKS,
GIGANTIC PORGIES & MONSTER BLUES

—SUPERFANTASTIC HEATED RAIL & HEATED CABINS—
Montauk's Newest, Largest, Fastest, Finest Party Boat. Best Equipped.
Restaurant • Free Bunks • Reclining Seats • Bait Well
Bait at your fingertips at all times • Individual Rod Holders
3 Deck Technicians • *Viking Dock, West Lake Drive*
MORE FISHING TIME • LESS RIDING TIME
Charters from 20—65 Passengers Accommodated
CAPT. PAUL FORSBERG • (516) 668-5924

CHARTER BOAT
Four Queens II
CAPT. WHITEY BATEMAN
—FULL ELECTRONICS—
SPECIAL ALL DAY RATES
Book Now for 1976 Spring Fishing
MONTAUK (516) 281-7703
Lodging at Harborside Motel Arranged

SEA QUEEN
65' CHARTER BOAT
COD • COD
BEST WINTER RATES POSSIBLE
Call Cap. Bob • (516) 924-3427

Now Catching COD

CAPT. WILLIE

50 FT. CHARTER BOAT
—SAILING ALL WINTER—
Be Smart—Charter with Professionals!
ALL TACKLE & BAIT PROVIDED
Call: (516) 668-2986 6 to 8PM or *write:*
Capt. W.B. Butler, Box 248, Montauk, NY 11954

50' CHARTER BOAT
TRITON II
COD
BLACKS
All Day Trips $175—8 Anglers
($15 each additional angler)
All Tackle & Bait Included
For Info & Reservations, Call:
CAPT. DICK VIGILANT (516) 668-5751

Marlin III
OPEN BOAT
BLOCK ISLAND
WRECKS & LEDGES
Cod & Pollack • Blacks
5AM Weekends • 6:30AM Weekdays
• HEATED CABIN •
• Sailing All Winter •
Salivars Dock
Capt. Richard Rade • (516) 668-2885

This 117 lb. white marlin was caught 35 miles south of Moriches Inlet aboard the "Scorpio". Angler and Captain George Guydish Jr. and members of the Moriches Anglers are waiting for confirmation of a NY State record. Subscriber Club Photo.

HELEN 11
WINTER HEATED CABINS
Bottom Charters
$180 for 1st 10 Men
LARGE GROUPS—Book for 1976
Before Jan. 30 & Get This Year's
Rates. Groups to 49 Accomm.
CAPT. BRAD GLAS • (516) 668-2286

GOIN' FISHING?

Read
The Long Island
FISHERMAN

We Love Fishermen—Open All Year
All Boats, Free Fishing Jetty
& Beaches only steps away.
TV • HEAT TV • HEAT
LOW OFF-SEASON RATES

MERRY MERMAID Motel & Efficiencies
W. Lake Dr., Montauk, N.Y. (516) 668-2261

ROD & REEL MOTEL & EFFICIENCIES
"In the Heart of the Fishing Fleet"
Walk to Boats & Beaches • TV • Heat
Off-season Rates—Ask for 'Fisherman's Special'
Flamingo Rd., Montauk (516) 668-2722

MONTAUK

WATCH THIS AD FOR ARRIVAL
OF THE BRAND NEW, ALL ALUMINUM

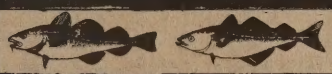
Peconic Queen III

PECONIC QUEEN II

• HEATED CABINS • GOOD FOOD • CLEAN
COMFORTABLE BUNKS • 100 FT. LONG,
24'6" BEAM FOR YOUR SAFETY & COMFORT!

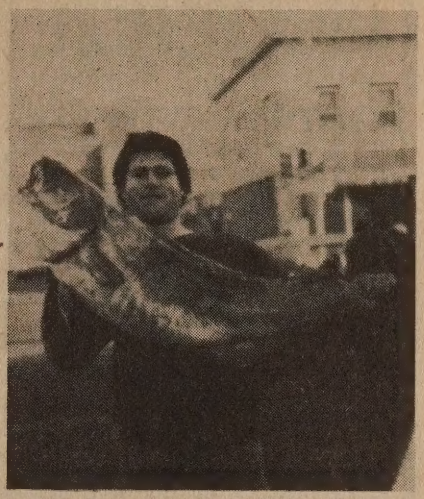
5AM DAILY—WRECKS & LEDGES

GIANT COD & POLLACK



(516) 668-2078-5254

Watch For Our
Special Wreck Trips



Jeff Cooper caught this 46 lb. codfish aboard the "New Helen H" out of Sheepshead Bay. Subscriber Club Photo.

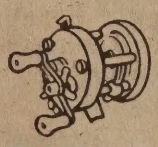
The Long Island FISHERMAN

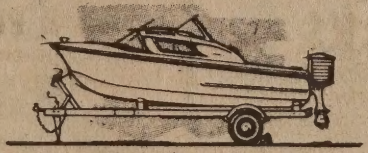
FISHING TRIP CONTEST

Mr. Henry Schmidt of Rosedale called into LIF a description of his car by the Friday deadline to become this weeks LIF Litter Box Contest Winner. Mr. Schmidt has been sent a check for $10 and has also chosen a fishing trip for two aboard the Captain Joseph Fleet of Captree for his prize. For information on how you may participate in the contest see page 18.

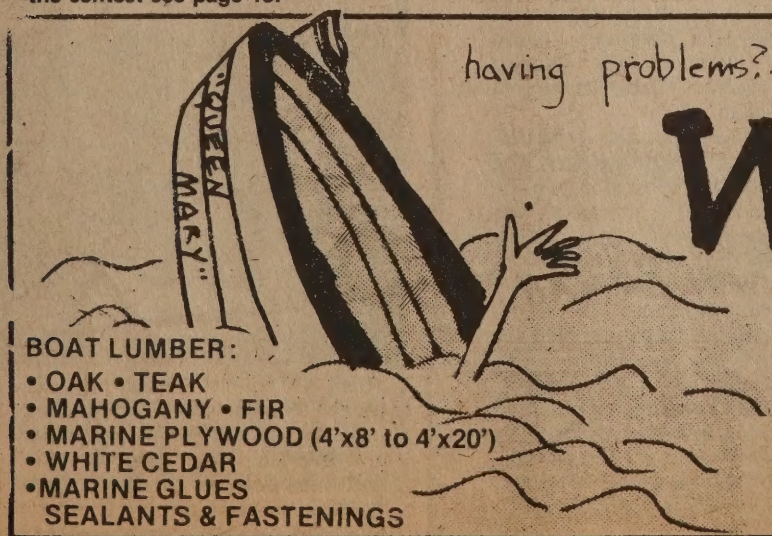
CLASSIFIED

To place an ad in The Long Island Fisherman Classified call (516) 667-6636. Classified ads are billed at 15 cents a word with a $4.50 or 30 word minimum. Discounts on extended runs: 12 times, 5%; 35 times, 10%; 50 times, 15%. Ask about our Photo Classified. Effective date January 1, 1974.





having problems?....for TOP MARINE LUMBER:



WOOD-PLY LUMBER CORP.

BOAT LUMBER:
• OAK • TEAK
• MAHOGANY • FIR
• MARINE PLYWOOD (4'x8' to 4'x20')
• WHITE CEDAR
• MARINE GLUES
SEALANTS & FASTENINGS

100 BENNINGTON AVE.
FREEPORT, N.Y. (Off Sunrise Hwy.)
(516) FR-8-2612

BOATING SUPPLIES & EQUIPMENT

WINTERIZE
ENGINE & HULL SERVICE
CHRYSLER OUTBOARD SALES & SERVICE
PARTS IN STOCK
AERO MARINE
WINTER SERVICE, STORAGE & TUNE-UPS A SPECIALTY
Take care of your winter needs now for a carefree spring.
CALL US WITH YOUR PROBLEMS
ISLAND PKWY ON HARBOR ISLAND ISLAND PARK, N.Y. 11558
(516) GE 1-5061

MFG. OF CANVAS & ROPE PRODUCTS
Acme Canvas & Rope Co., Inc
162 — 13th STREET
BROOKLYN, N.Y.
(212) 499-3396
WINTER BOAT COVERS
Several Sizes In Stock
Navy Tops To Spec
Save 10-20%

The Fisherman Co.
BOAT REPAIRS • REFINISHING
FIBERGLASS & WOOD
On site work — Gel Coat Matching
Expert Workmanship DAYS (516) 862-9827 After 6PM (516) 368-0088

WELDED MONEL
Fuel & Water Tanks
—WILL NOT RUST OR CORRODE—
Bow Tanks • Stainless Steel Water Tanks • Diesel Fuel Tanks • *Also avail.*—Aluminum Tanks, Now Approved for Fuel Use.
10% OFF WITH THIS AD ON ANY ORDER PLACED PRIOR TO 2-29-76
Custom Shapes • Fish Wells • Live Bait Wells
HELI-ARC WELDING
AQUAMAID METAL INDUSTRIES, Inc.
819 Grand Blvd., Deer Park, N.Y. (516) 667-8644

CHRYSLER BOATS
Sales • Service • Parts
ISLAND CHRYSLER-PLYMOUTH
483 Medford Ave., Patchogue (516) 289-8500
CHRYSLER OUTBOARDS

★ NEW MARINA ★
OPENING DEC. 11, 1975
Guaranteed Summer Slip with Winter Storage
COMPLETE MARINA SERVICE
SPECIALISTS IN DIESELS
SANS MARINA, Inc.
(516) 546-1569
2976 Whaleneck Dr., MERRICK

The Baymen's Best
A Complete Line of Commercial Clamming, Scalloping & Eeling Eqpt.
Marine Hardware & Marine Supplies
LIVE EELS • FROZEN BAIT
Mon.-Fri. 12-6, Sat. 8-3 • (516) 289-1728
181 South Ocean Ave., PATCHOGUE

SHORELINE • HIGHLANDER • LITTLE DUDE
BOAT TRAILER SALE
Some of over To 14' $185 To 17' $269 To 19' $439
75 Sale Models To 16' $215 To 18' $345 To 21' $550
PARTS • RENTALS • KITS • TRADE-INS
SCHNEIDER'S MARINE, INC.
N.Y.'s Complete Boat Trailer Shop
640 W. Montauk Hwy., Crn. 14th St., Lindenhurst
(516) 226-5070 • Open 6 days • Closed Wed.

GENCO AUTO ELECTRIC
Marine & Auto Starters, Generators & Alternators
REBUILT & NEW IN STOCK
Auth. dealers of Leece Neville, Prestolite & Motorola
125 Mark Tree Rd., Centereach
FOREIGN DIVISION
(516) 584-5077
(516) 585-3524

Cordell Lure Notice

The Fisherman has received phone calls and letters by the hundreds from subscribers who have not yet received the Cordell lures offered in a recent subscription premium. These lures were to be shipped directly from Cordell factory in Arkansas.

Unfortunately, after repeated phone calls and letters by our staff to Cordell, with no apparent results, The Fisherman has proceeded with legal action against the Cordell Lure Co.

Should there continue to be a shipment problem, The Fisherman will purchase and ship, at our own expense, replacement lures.

We are greatful for patience and understanding of the subscribers involved. Future notices in The Fisherman will keep you informed of our progress.

NORTH SHORE Fishing Report

HUNTINGTON

The dynamite fishing of the past weekends has diminished according to Don Constantine of the **Ever REady**. Even so every one seems to be satisfied with their catches of 10-20 blacks mostly of 5 lbs. and larger fish. The real biggies are there to be caught as shown by Richard Goodwin who on Saturday took an 11½ pound black. Flounder fishing has also dropped off but can be said to be good as opposed to fantastic. The fish are mostly of one pound and better. Capt. Pete Novellino who actually finds these good concentrations of blacks and pilots the Ever Ready to them said they will sail as long as the good fishing holds out. (And then, maybe, who knows—Cod?)

WHITESTONE

Bruce at **Hermans** on W. 42nd St., N.Y.C. reports that Steve Campo of Flushing had been landing striped bass in the Whitestone area. They have been taken on worms and ranged in size from shorts to 14 pounds.

NEW ROCHELLE

Capt. Pearson will be taking his new wood and fiberglass boat **Klondike VI** to the cod fishing grounds off the N.Y. Bight. This boat is one of the newest designed offshore high speed planing boats. Capt. Pearson said she will do 20 knots and that the fishing grounds are but two hours away from the dock. The **Klondike VI** has restaurant facilities and heated deckhouse and handrail for winter fishing. The **Klondike VI** will sail all winter.

Betsy Dzenkowski caught this 29 lb. striped bass aboard her boat the "Bet C". The bass was caught on the incoming tide in Plum Gut on a white bucktail. Subscriber Club Photo.

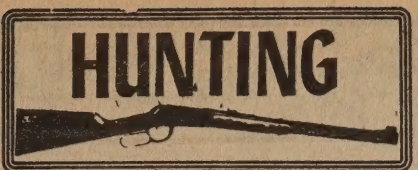
Hook, Line & Sinker

FISHING & BOATING GEAR

Complete Line of Tackle, Lures, Bait, Live Eels
306 Woodcleft Ave., Freeport • 516-623-2522
Home of the "BAY GULL"
Seagoing Caterers

STOP POLLUTION!

HUNTING

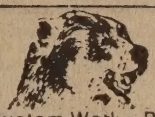


DUCK HUNTING

On Great South Bay

Heated Blind • Gunning Over Decoys
Brant • Black Duck • Mallard • Broadbill
Layout Shooting—*Up to 4 Gunners*
After 6PM (516) 735-7063 • (516) 735-5763 After 6PM

BAIT & TACKLE



GAMEHEADS
FISH
BIRDS
Custom Work • Repairs • Reliable Service
KODIAK TAXIDERMY
134-17 Dahlia Ave., Flushing (212) 463-6720

Lamiglas
OVER 100 DIFFERENT BLANKS IN STOCK

MIKE'S TACKLE

On the Waterfront at SHEEPSHEAD BAY
(212) NI-8-9641
HELLY HANSEN FOUL WEATHER GEAR
TOPSIDER BOOTS & SHOES
ANDE LINE
COMLETE LINE OF BINGLE LURES
MUSTAD HOOKS
FRESH & FROZEN BAIT
Open 6 Days—Closed Tuesdays

SAYVILLE

Friendship

FOR CHARTER
Land's End Marina, SAYVILLE
BASS • BLUES • COD • FLOUNDER
Inshore/Offshore • Half or Full Days
—SENIOR CITIZEN DISCOUNTS—
For Reservations Call:
Capt. Bill Nylan • (516)567-4944

T-M-T HUNTING PRESERVE

HUNT-THE-FIELDS—169 ACRES
Hunt Pheasant, Rabbit, Quail, Chukar
$25 per person per day including 2 birds released on arrival. No bag limit on birds.
Clinton Hollow, N. Y.
P. O. Staatsburg, N. Y. 12580, Box 243
Tel: 914-266-5108

Warren's Tackle Center

Formerly Jamesport Tackle Center

WISHES ALL OF YOU A MERRY CHRISTMAS & A HAPPY NEW YEAR

Main Rd. (Rt. 25), Aquebogue, L.I., N.Y.

L.I.'s FINEST Duck Hunting

EXPERIENCED, LICENSED GUIDES
2 LARGE, COMFORTABLE BLINDS
Broadbill Our Specialty—Hunting Parties Daily
Info: Ernie 516-728-0711, Charlie 516-728-6451

(516) HA 3-3955 CAPT. FRANK J. BRADDICK *MONTAUK CHARTERS*

FRANK J. BRADDICK Tackle Shop

GRA-LITE WADERS
6 Adelaide St., HUNTINGTON STATION, N.Y.

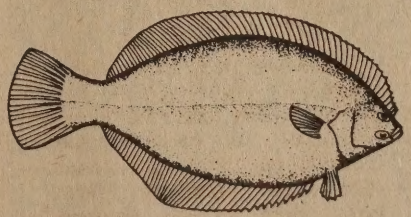
NEW ROCHELLE

Brand New • Ultra-Modern • Super-Fast

Klondike VI

—SAILING ALL WINTER—

All Electronics • Restaurant • Heated Deckhouse & Handrail for Winter Fishing
Bait • Tackle • Helpful, Courteous Mates
Sails 7am Mon., 9am Tue.-Fri., 8am Sat. & Sun.
Capt. Pete Pearson • (914) 738-4593
HUDSON PARK, NEW ROCHELLE



JACK'S Bait & Tackle

551 City Island Ave., BRONX, N.Y.
(212) TT 5-2042
Sandworms • Bloodworms • Fiddlers
Wholesale and Retail
Skiffs • Motors • Rowboats for Hire

ISLAND PARK

COMMODORE COD

6:30AM SAT. & SUN.
FAST, COMFORTABLE 65 OPEN BOAT
(516) 431-2230 CAPT. CLEM
Ft. of Long Beach Bridge, ISLAND PK.

Fishing Stations

SALVO'S BAIT & TACKLE

LIVE BASS EELS
"The New Home of the Pescador Reel"
(212) 372-9690
2847 CROPSEY AVE. (Cor. Bay 50 St.) B'KLYN

ISLAND PARK

Ginnie-Mae OPEN BOAT

COD • COD Sat., Sun. & Mon. 7am
Capt Bill (516) GE1-5190 *or* VA5-1533
End of Railroad Place, ISLAND PARK

BERGEN POINT FISHING STATION

Bass Eels • Chum • All Baits
Skiffs • Gas • Food • Ice • Tackle
Open 7 Days • (516) 669-6259
End of Bergen Ave. WEST BABYLON

OPEN 7 DAYS

Dick's SPORTING GOODS

Gunsmith - Ammunition - Rod & Reel Repair
ALL TACKLE - LIVE & FROZEN BAIT
N. Country Rd. & Sylvan Ave. (516) 928-3967
MILLER PLACE, N.Y.

CLASSIFIED

To place an ad in The Long Island Fisherman Classified call (516) 667-6633. Ads are billed at 15 cents a word with a 30 word or $4.50 minimum. Extended run discounts: 12 times, 5% ; 35 times, 10% ; 50 times, 15%. Ask about our Photo Classified. Effective date January 1, 1974.

BOATS & MOTORS

ATTENTION BOAT OWNERS: Need your boat transported? Outboards and Inboards up to 32 ft. Specializing in Launching & Hauling at your local ramps. Prompt, reliable service. Bill & Bill Boat Transport, Ltd. Call (516) 277-3440.

FISHING BOATS ARE HERE
25' Chriscraft Tournament Sportfisherman
22' Chriscraft Tournament Sportfisherman
Makos, Starcraft Center Consoles, Zodiac Inflatables
Mercury Motors, Boat Trailers, Special Prices and quality service. KRETZER BOAT WORKS, Inc. 459 City Island Avenue, City Island, NY (212) 885-1129.

1976 EVINRUDE SALE: 2-$199, 4-$299, 6-$409, 10-$549, 15-$599, 25-$689, 35-$779, 40-$819, 55-$1199, 70-$1329, 85-$1519, 115-$1629, 135-$1689, 200-$2299. SUFFOLK MARINE CENTER Babylon, (516) 669-0907 F.O.B.

1974 & 1975 SEA CRAFTS, Brand New and Demos, Cuddys, Center Consoles and Runabouts. All Priced to Sell. Call (516) 589-3100 Days.

USED JOHNSONS & EVINRUDES—Off Season. Low Prices. 7½—15—20—33—40—55—65—85—115 h.p., PORT OF EGYPT MARINE, (516) 765-2445.

IMMACULATE—CLEAN—1962, 36' Owens Express Cruiser, 2 327 Flagship S/W/C Engine, 50 hours, The following are new: 3 batteries, 2 water pumps, bilge pump, Sleeps 6, Full canvas, S/S, D/F, 110/12 v. Will demo. Sacrifice at $9500. Call (516) 671-9100.

19' Mako, 100 h.p. Evinrude, 18 h.p. Evinrude Aux., Certified Tandem Trailer, Electric Winch, Ross Recorder, CB, Outriggers, All instruments, Loaded. Everything in perfect condition. Days call (212) 764-0243 or Eves at (516) 747-4681.

24' ZOBEL SKIFF 1961 H/T, 150 h.p. Interceptor, F/W/C, Raytheon D/F, 21' Outriggers, Rod Holders, Fishing Chair, Many Extras. Bought New Boat. Must Sell. Asking $1500. Will Demo in Oceanside. Call Nights at (914) 337-9286.

1974 WELLCRAFT Cuddy V-20 115 h.p. Johnson, 12 ch. VHF, D/F, Compass, Rod Holders, Twin Batteries, Coast Guard Package, Spare Prop, Legal Head, Winterized, Excellent Condition. Low Hours. $4995. Firm. Call (516) 567-4181.

28' LUHRS 1972, Fiberglass, 250 h.p. F/W/C Monomatic, VHF Radio, Ross Recorder, Bimini Enclosure, Gin Pole, Outriggers, Wash Down Pump, Pressure Drinking Water. Many more extras. $10,500 Eves at (516) LO1-7949.

BERTRAM 25' 1965 Fly Bridge Sportsfisherman, Repowered in 1972. 160 h.p. I/O, Fishing Machine, Extras. Excellent Condition. $12,000. In water, will demo. Call (516) 586-8480.

Have you seen the 25' BERTRAM SPORTFISHERMAN "Ain't Gotta" on the Sound? Now for sale. Bought larger Boat. Reblocked in 1974 with 110 h.p. Mercruisers. Outdrives overhauled in 1975. Complete Maintenance Records Available. Located at Rowayton Marine Works. Priced at $7500. Call Stamford, Conn. at (203) 327-3100 Ext. 54.

SELLING YOUR BOAT THIS WINTER? We have the best storage/Brokerage plan anywhere, plus Long Island's most active used boat display. Call today for details. STARFISH MARINE (516) 581-0881.

FISHING SKIFFS & BAY BOATS Featuring 15 ft. Wood Dory, All glassed, choice of color $550 complete. V and Flat bottomed Garveys; Sharpies and Dories custom built 15-24 ft., at a price you can afford. Mon-Fri.—PICKERELL BOATS, (516) 757-7133.

DUCK BOATS and other small boats built to order. Plywood over oak construction, Fiberglassed Seams. Finished or unfinished, Up to 16'. Also—Boat Lumber milled to specifications and steam bent ribs. Call (516) 378-7482 or (516) 378-9820.

40' Charter Boat, Flush Deck Walk Around, 671 Diesel, VHF, CB, D/F, Depth Recorder. In service Now. Call (212) 699-0871 or (516) 546-0189.

1970 160 h.p. 6 cyl. Perkins Diesel F/W/C, Dry exhaust. Model HT6.354M Turbo Charged Engine, 2:1 reduction, R.H. rotation, Reverse Gear. Complete Engine Overhauled in spring of '75. Now in use. Call (516) 477-1822.

MAKOS
BUYER'S CHOICE
1973-15' 65 h.p. Merc., Trailer
1972-17' 70 h.p. Johnson
1973-19' Twin 70 h.p. Johnsons, Trailer
~~1973-19' 165 h.p. Johnson, 6 h.p. Aux.~~ SOLD
~~1973-19' 85 h.p. Johnson, 20 h.p. Aux. Tops, Trailer~~ SOLD
1974-20' 115 h.p. Johnson
1974-20' 135 h.p. Johnson
~~1973-22' 135 Evinrudes (75) Tops, Trailer~~ SOLD
1973-22' 115 h.p. Merc.
1975-23' 188 Merc I/O, Tops
1974-23' Sea Craft Twin 165 I/O's
NOW is the time to buy, when YOU have the CHOICE. They won't be there in the spring. STARFISH MARINE, E. Islip NY. (516) 581-0881.

One Pair of Chrysler Engines, 210 h.p. Each, F/W/C, Complete with F/W/C Manifolds, Will Demonstrate, Repowering with Diesel. Very good condition. $1000 for pair. Call (516) 289-3724.

BOSTON WHALER 16'6", 1975 85 h.p. Johnson, 40 hours, 1975 Gator Trailer with Power winch, All Galvanized. Fish Box, Seat, Center Console, Tanks and many extras. $3500. Call (516) 661-3514.

14 ft. Duo Fiberglass Boat with Cox Trailer. $350. Call after 6 P.M. at (516) PR5-8654.

16' BOSTON WHALER, 40 h.p. Merc., Gift Wrapped For Christmas—Buy it Now Before We Spend Any More Money on it, for only $1495. STARFISH MARINE. (516) 581-0881.

1972 Aquasport 19' 6" Deep V, 100 h.p. Evinrude, Tilt Lift, Bimini Top, All Cushions, Rod Holders, Compass, Two Outriggers, Cox Tandem Trailer, Many extras. I'm moving inland. $3895. Call (516) 922-4049.

65' Party Boat and/Or Business. Twin 671's, Licensed 67 Passengers, Radar, 7.5 Diesel Generator Recorders, VHF, CB, Constavolts, 2 Cabins, Full Galley, Loaded, Excellent Condition, MSTA, Must Sell, Bought Larger Boat. $35,000. Call (914) 237-5351.

BERTRAM 1975 28' Fly Bridge Cruiser, 200 hours, F/W/C, Lower Station, Radar, Loran, VHF, CB, Depth Recorder, Outriggers, Extra Props, 115 Shoreline, Electric Toilet, Hot water shower, Gin Pole, Fish Box, South Bay Strainers, Salt Water Washdown, Bimini Top, Many factory extras. All Under Warantee. Call (516) 541-1447.

GRADY WHITE 1973 Sportsman, 115 h.p. Evinrude, D/F, Bilge, Full Curtains, 18 gal. Built in Tank plus 1 6 gal. tank. Galvanized Trailer with electric winch. Plus extras. $3500. Call (516) 698-7066.

1973 Thunderbird 19' Fiberglass Tri Hull, Walk Through Windshield, 135 h.p. Chrysler 1974, 36 gal. Tank. Full Canvas. New 1975 Compass, Rod Holders, Bilge Pump, Anchor, Excellent Condition. $3000. Call (516) 579-4293.

1965 21' Vega Fiberglass, 155 OMC, Sleeps two, Head, Winter Summer Canvas, Fish Wells, 55 gal. gas tank. Anchor, 200' Anchor line, Compass, Extras. Real Fishing Machine. $2400. Call (212) 241-5052.

20' 1973 Caravell 135 Johnson, Colombia Fish Finder, 36 gal. Gas Tank, Tach, CB, AM, Bilge Pump, Speedometer, Shoreline Galvanized Trailer, Electric Winch, 15" Wheels, Will Sell or Swap for Mako or Similar Fishing Boat. With or without equipment. $5000. Call (516) 586-0673.

1973 Winner Baronet Cabin, 85 h.p. Evinrude 1974, For The Fisherman Whose Wife Must Have a Cabin! No Room in the cabin, No room in the cockpit. Then she'll let you buy a center console! Nice and clean, so it will hold it's value. $3495. Starfish Marine. (516) 581-0881.

16' Wood Skiff with 20 h.p. Johnson O/B, Owner bought larger boat. $250. Boat and Motor located in Rockaway Point Queens. Call (212) 945-5936.

1972 21' Cruisers Inc. 225 h.p. OMC I/O, F/W/C, Full Canvas, Sink, Ice Box, Fuel Detector, Head, Sleeps 3 or 5. $6550. Call (516) 587-2121.

1973 Fiberglass Chris Craft Cat Coho Sedan. F/B, Twin 200 h.p. GMC, Ship To Shore Radio Telephone, Recording Depth Guage, Motor Synchronizer, Electric Trim Tabs, Teak Swim Deck, Toilet, Refrig., Stove. Sleeps six. Call (201) 881-8811 or 224-9123.

18' Skeecraft with 40 h.p. Evinrude, with Sealion Trailer. Excellent Condition. $750. Call (516) 328-2089.

27' Ulrichson Fly Bridge, Outriggers, Depth Finder, Radio, Rod Holders and Racks. Compass, Legal Head, F/W/C Crusader Engine 350 cu., Low Hours, Fully Equipped, In Water, Will Demo. Silencers. $4500. Call Eves at (516) 872-8438 or Days at (212) 982-3170.

14' Custom Built Aluminum Boat with Rebuilt 1964 40 h.p. Johnson. Boat and Motor excellent Condition. $350. Call (516) 981-3054.

1975 GRADY WHITE HATTERAS OVERNIGHTER 204C. Powered by 115 h.p. Johnson with tilt-n-trim. Fully equipped for inlet and ocean sportfishing. Cuddy Cabin, CB Radio, Ross Straightline Graph Recorder, 4 Flush Mount Rodholders, 200 lb. capacity Skimmer fish box, anchor and line, CG Equipment. Lovett Bilge Pump, Windshield Wiper, Richie Compass, Baitwells, Full Canvas and Aft Curtain. Self-bailing Hull, etc. Engine winterized, boat in dry storage. Can be seen at Starfish Marine in East Islip or call Scott Simons at The Fisherman at (516) 667-6633.

1969, 29' Scottie Fiberglass Fishing Machine, '74 Twin 250 h.p. Chryslers F/W/C, Low Hours, A Fisherman's Dream. Equipment too numerous to mention. Asking $24,000. Call for details. Days at (516) 744-1707 or Nites at (516) 742-1558.

25' Verity Skiff, 283 V-8, 185 h.p., New Captains and Mates Chairs, New Tach, All Gauges, Navy Top and curtains. Year old Depth Finder, Outriggers, New Portable Head, Engine and Hull in excellent shape. In water. Asking $1300. Call (516) 757-2374.

BOATING EQPT

Columbian Aqua-Probe Depth Finder, Registers to 240 feet. Extremely Accurate, going commercial. Need different equipment. Used One Season. List $180 Will sell for $95. Eves call (516) 271-7415.

SAND & BLOOD WORMS
FIDDLER & GREEN CRABS
NIGHTCRAWLERS
RED WIGGLERS
ALL FROZEN BAIT

BAIT WHOLESALERS
QUALITY — SERVICE — DEPENDABILITY
STRAIGHT TALK — A FINE REPUTATION
ALL THESE ARE YOURS JUST A PHONE CALL AWAY
DEALER INQUIRIES ONLY

OUR 42nd YEAR
WE DELIVER
7 DAYS A WEEK
914-636-3434
CALL ANY TIME

DEPTH SOUNDERS our speciality for repair, calibration. Resonable, fast. Also, plan now to add channels and or tune your VHF radio this winter. Start next year off right. Still available many good buys in instruments, savings 15-20% off 1975 prices. Quality brands only for real dollar value, not headaches. Call INEZ any day, any time. HEINE MARINE ELECTRONICS, 17 Irish Lane, East Islip. (516) JU1-0194.

TRAILER HITCHES—The most complete Draw-tite line of Class I and II hitches in stock on L.I. Sales, installation, service. TOM CASH WELDING Lake Ronkonkoma (516) JU8-6143.

NEW TRAILERS; Boat, Utility, Motorcycle; hitches, Class 1, 2 & 3. Installation Available, Power winches and all other accessories. Discount Prices. Call Ray. Middle Island Marine. Plainview. (516) 681-5661.

TRAILER HITCHES—Valley, Class 1 and Class II in stock. Available with or without installation. Thrift Mart Marine. 456 Middle Country Road, Selden, NY 11784. Call (516) 732-8608.

COMPASSES—COMPASSES—COMPASSES, Sales A complete inventory of Ritchie compasses in all price ranges and models, at substantial discounts. Installation: Free with the purchase of a compass and order for adjustment. Accurate adjustments, and deviation tables. Authorized repair service, and much more. Remember, if it has anything to do with compasses at all, give me a call. Jens Jacobs Compass Adjuster Nautical Service. (516) 757-7169.

MISCELLANEOUS

BOAT INSURANCE—ALL RISK—12 month navigation, low, low rates, budget payments, Machinery damage included. Fishing Boat liability. Arthur A. Isakson, 196 N. Central Avenue, Valley Stream (516) VA5-4338 day or night.

MONTAUK HOUSE FOR SALE— 2 bedrooms, Pine Panneled, Garage, Year Round, Reasonable Taxes and Cost of Operation. Deed allows Storage of any fishing equipment on property. Mortgage available. Call (516) 668-2286 or (203) 536-8088.

LOBSTER POTS: 36" Oak, Fully nailed construction from $7.95 Kit form, completely assembled pot $11.95. Thrift Mart Marine. 456 Middle Country Road, Selden, NY 11784. Call (516) 732-8608.

BECOME A LICENSED SKIPPER Home Study, Questions and Answers for CG License to take up-to-six for hire. Refund guaranteed. Send $22.50 to Marine Associates, Dept. LI, P.O. Box 217, Teaneck, NJ 07606.

LOBSTER POTS—TOP QUALITY, LOW PRICES. Any size and style. Wooden Traps, made to your specifications. Assembled or unassembled. Stock for repair. BUDGET PALLET DISTRIBUTORS, 388 Knowiton St. Bridgeport, CT 06608. Call (203) 368-1214.

GET YOUR COAST GUARD LICENSE AS A CHARTERBOAT OR PARTYBOAT CAPTAIN, New classes starting Mid-September. Personal Instructions. For information call (914) 738-2145 days.

FOUR WHEEL DRIVE DISCOUNT TIRES & WHEELS. Tru-Tracs, Big Bopper, Dune Grabber, All Terraine, Maxi Tract, ALL SIZES, All Makes. Wheels 15 x 8 thru 12-16 x 9¾. Individuals, groups, dealers, Call us. SOUTHAMPTON TIRE CENTER North Sea Road, (Next to McDonalds) Southampton (516) 283-4205.

18 years in the business of boat painting, varnishing, fiberglassing, joiner work, heavy carpentry. Quality Workmanship guaranteed. We come to you. Call JOHN'S MARINE SERVICE at (516) 234-6171 after 5 P.M.., Days Call (516) 475-9613.

Easy Rider Car Roof Rack!! The only rack in its own tote pack. Can be stored in less than one square foot in the trunk. Use at a moments notice without needing a screwdriver, wrench or tools of any kind. Ideal for Campers, Skiers, Hunters, Boaters, Sales Shoppers or anyone. Only $14.95. Postpaid. Money Back Guarantee. Free Brochure. Victor Calamia, Box 276 RF Woodside, New York 11377.

OBTAIN YOUR US COAST GUARD LICENSE TO CARRY PASSENGERS FOR HIRE. Personalized Instruction, continuous classes. For information, call Capt. Frank Bryant of the Moby-D Charterboat in Lindenhurst at (516) 893-1498.

"Sharks Teeth!" Own a part of their "Jaws". Bag of 10 pieces, same type, for $1.20. Bag of 5 different variety with identifications for $1.20. Postpaid. Victor Calamia, Box 276 F, Woodside, NY 11377.

WANTED—FRESH SPEARING, Approximately 100 cans wholesale. Call after 4 P.M. at (516) 431-2230.

JEEP CLEARANCE—Carson & Scudder, AMC Jeep. (516) HA7-0270, 60 New York Ave., Huntington NY.

HAVE TOOLS—FISH POLE—FAMILY WILL TRAVEL, 16 Years Marine-Auto Mechanic-Vocational Instructor Experience. Seek summer employment in eastern Suffolk County. John Chichester 134 College Avenue, Malone, New York 12953. Call (518) 483-2270.

1972 Custom Wagoneer, 4 Wheel Drive, Power Brakes. Power Steering, Hydromatic 360 Engine. Excellent Condition. Call (516) HA7-6583.

COD FISHERMEN—Fact Filled, 182 Page Book, THE COD, by Al Jensen, Tells all there is to know about the Winter King. Well Illustrated. Hard Cover. Postpaid, $5 from Deep Sea Books, Box 110. Mt. Sinai NY 11766.

FANTASTIC HOLIDAY GIFTS, Especially for fishermen, Boatmen and Nautical Nuts! Harpoons, Plaques, Lamps, Rigging, Lobster Pots, Multicolored Fishnets, Bahama Glass, Hatch Covers, and Much Much more. *BOAT CANVAS—We've got it. REDER'S OUTLET, 1728 Merrick Road, Merrick. Call (516) 378-9578 or (516) 868-1110. Open Thurs Till 9 P.M.
*Manufactured and Imported by Reder's.

WORK NEEDED: 14 year old young man who has completed 18 month course from Delehanty Institute, has experience in maintenance and repair of boats and engines, who works hard, is ambitious, is willing and likes to learn, has own tools, wants and needs work. Brian Deguils, 8 Reading Lane in Bethpage, Call (516) PE1-2108.

Jeep Commando 1969 Beach Buggy, 4-Wheel Drive, V6- CB Radio, 2 Sets of Wheels and Tires. Low Mileage. Always garaged. Very Good Condition. $2100. Call Evenings and weekends at (212) 291-4804.

Everything for the lobster fisherman. Pots, Warp Twine, Pot Parts, Buoys, (Special 18 x 36 2 funnel pots $8.75 for 10 or more.) Osco Haulers, Manifolds, Risers, Elbows. Lowest Price in Industry. Sound Marine Call (516) 427-4063.

DE—ICING SYSTEM&MELT AWAY PRODUCTS Has moved to 14 Dock Drive in Freeport NY 11520. For Sales and Service Call (516) 223-2929.

1973 Jeep Wagoneer, P/S, P/B, A/C, Tinted Glass, Trailer Package, Stereo Radio, White with wood trim, Roof Rack, Low beach mileage, Excellent condition. Asking $3700. Call (516) 286-2102.

FISHING TACKLE

FLOUNDER KILLER RIGS—Flounders are committing suicide on this widely used 3-hook rig, especially designed for the "Meat Fisherman". Special design and construction keeps tangling of hooks at a minimum. Hand Made, Finest materials, 3 completely tied rigs $3, which includes FREE instructions for tying your own. Send check or money order to P. Miller. 150 Babylon Tpk. Merrick 11566.

COD KILLER RIGS—Whether you fish Montauk, Black Island, Captree, Freeport or Sheepshead Bay, these double hook hand-made rigs will fill the freezer. All hand tied, finest materials. Long time proven design. 4 rigs for $3 includes instructions on how to make up your own rigs. Send check or M.O. to P. Miller, 150 Babylon Tpk. Merrick NY 11566.

DUKE'S Tackle Shop
Fishermen's HEADQUARTERS
FOR ALL YOUR FISHING NEEDS
•SEASON'S GREETINGS
ASK FOR DUKE (516) 884-5023 (100 yds. W. of W. Montauk Hwy LINDENHURST Wellwood Ave.)

CAPTAIN'S COURSE
BOATMEN AND FISHERMEN—Do you need additional income? Become a charter boat captain. Personalized instruction for obtaining Coast Guard License to Carry Passengers for hire. My published 120 page manual included. Continuous Classes. Call Capt. Irv Levine at (516) 567-4181 in Oakdale.

Become A Licensed Captain
New Home Study Course prepared by former Coast Guardsman for Motor Boat & Ocean Operators License to 100 tons, for only $25. Send cash, check or m.o. to: *Capt. James W. Zook,* 2873 Chester St. Oceanside, New York 11572

CAPT.'S LICENSE BOOK
THE GREATEST STORY EVER TOLD IN A 120 Page Book, "Modern Mariners Manual". Updated Questions, answers, illustrations, and theory on preparation for your Coast Guard Examination to become a charter boat Captain. This Manual is used exclusively in my evening classes. Send $19.95 to Capt. Irv Levine P.O. Box 365, Oakdale, NY 11769.

Converse

GUIDESHOE
ALL RUBBER PAC
Sturdy, exceptionally lightweight sportsmen's full lace all-rubber pac. Designed to fit snugly at the calf without binding. Ribbed vamp provides extra protection. Cleated crepe outsole; comfort cushion sponge insole; net lining. Semi-hard toe cap. Guaranteed for 2 years against ozone cracking.
No. 12093 (15" Height)
Sizes: 6-14 $28
Color: Olive Drab
Goldman Bros. INC.
183 South Broadway, Hicksville
Hours: Mon. to Fri. 9-9, Sat. 9-6
WE 1-0441 FREE PARKING

Attention!
WILL THE OWNER OF "THE SINBAD" FROM JONES INLET, INVOLVED IN AN ACCIDENT OFF FIRE ISLAND INLET THIS PAST AUGUST, PLEASE CONTACT BOB AT (516) 249-8080

BOTTOM LINE
(Continued from page 9.)

hold on to. The entire top of the body and tail are covered with prong-like spines, and the tail can be used to rap you. The y don't have gills like a fish that you can get a thumb or finger into either, so there is virtually no place to grab them. All you can do is grasp the hook at the bend on the shank with a mechanical hook disgorger, hold the skate up and shake him to try and free the hook. If shaking doesn't work, cut the snell and rerig.

All other common species are relatively easy to hold while removing a hook. Hold a flounder around the body, grasp the shank of the hook and push backwards. Hold porgies like a bergall, with the belly in the palm of your hand. Seabass or stripers in the gills or mouth. Cod by the gills. Weakfish? The biggest problem in weakfishing is keeping the weak from unhooking himself before you can land him.

This is running a little long, so we'll save the discussion about what to do if you accidently become the hookee and have a hook digging into a part of your anatomy for a later date. Hopefully, after reading this article, you'll never have to know the procedure for unhooking a human being....the hardest species to unhook of them all!

Are You Selling A Beach Buggy, Bass Boat, Spare Rod, Shotgun Or Related Item?

WOULD YOU LIKE TO TURN THOSE UNUSED OR UNWANTED ARTICLES OF FISHING TACKLE, HUNTING OR BOATING EQUIPMENT INTO MONEY IN YOUR POCKET?

THEN LOOK INTO THE

FISHERMAN CLASSIFIED

AND REACH THE MOST PROSPECTIVE BUYERS!

Classified Ad Discount Blank

L.I.F. SUBSCRIBER CLUB MEMBERS ONLY!!!!

Use this blank to send in your classified ad to *The Fisherman* and you pay only 10 cents a word rather than the normal classified rate of 15 cents. Check or M.O. MUST accompany this blank to receive discount. Circle the category you wish your ad to appear under:

BOATS & MOTORS **BOATING EQPT** **FISHING TACKLE** **MISCELLANEOUS**

COPY:

Total Words X 10¢ = (Count phone# as one word)

L.I.F. Subcriber Club Card No._____

Name_____

Street_____

Town_____ Zip_____

CLASSIFIED DISCOUNT RATES

10 cents per word, $3.00 minimum

Check or Money Order Must Accompany This Blank

Send to: The L.I. Fisherman • P.O. Box 143 • Deer Park, N.Y. 11729

L.I.F. SUBSCRIBER CLUB MEMBERS ONLY!!!!

TIDE TABLES

ON →		SANDY HOOK		NEW LONDON		WILLETS POINT		BRIDGE-PORT	
DAY		AM	PM	AM	PM	AM	PM	AM	PM
12/18	THURSDAY	7:15	7:43	8:37	9:12	10:31	11:06	10:44	11:14
12/19	FRIDAY	7:54	8:25	9:18	9:55	11:10	11:42	11:26	11:57
12/20	SATURDAY	8:35	9:10	10:00	10:40	11:52	—	—	12:10
12/21	SUNDAY	9:20	9:57	10:49	11:28	12:24	12:38	12:40	12:56
12/22	MONDAY	10:08	10:50	11:38	—	1:10	1:27	1:27	1:43
12/23	TUESDAY	11:01	11:46	12:21	12:32	1:59	2:19	2:16	2:36
12/24	WEDNESDAY	11:57	—	1:17	1:33	2:52	3:15	3:09	3:33
12/25	THURSDAY	12:40	12:55	2:16	2:38	3:50	4:18	4:06	4:33

SANDY HOOK

SHINNECOCK INLET	−0 50
Shinnecock Bay	+1 25
East Quogue	+2 45
Shinnecock Canal	+1 18
Indian Reservation	+3 05
MORICHES INLET	−0 56
Smith's Point	+3 28
Harts Cove	+1 30
Potunck Point	+3 35
Mastic Beach	+3 28
FIRE ISLAND INLET	−0 38
Inlet & Dem. Pt.	−0 38
Coast Giard Sta.	−0 19
Fire Island Light	+0 47
GREAT SOUTH BAY	
Sayville	+3 39
Heckscher State Pk.	+3 20
Bay Shore	+2 23
Babylon	+2 12
Amityville	+2 21
JONES INLET	−0 19
Loop Pkwy. Bridge	+0 25
Zachs Bay	+1 25
Seaford Harbor	+2 05
Freeport Creek	+0 34
E. ROCKAWAY INLET	−0 06
Long Beach Bridge	+0 19
ROCKAWAY INLET	−0 00
Beach Ch. (Bridge)	+0 38
JFK Airport	+0 26
STATEN ISLAND	+0 27
MANASQUAN	−0 12

WILLETS POINT

Little Neck Bay	−0 10
Execution Light	−0 06
Manhasset Bay	−0 01
Hempstead Harbor	−0 11
City Island	−0 03
Rye Beach	−0 28

NEW LONDON

Orient Point	+0 27
Connecticut River	+1 10
Little Gull Is. (Race)	+0 12
Greenport	+1 04
Southold	+1 43
New Suffolk	+2 26
South Jamesport	+2 32
Shinnecock Canal	+2 33
Noyack Bay	+2 05
Sag Harbor	+0 59
Gardiners Bay	+0 21
Promised Land	−0 14
Fort Pond Bay	−0 29
Montauk Inlet	−0 25
Montauk Point	−1 13

BRIDGEPORT

Lloyd Point	+0 08
Cold Spring Harbor	+0 08
Bayville Bridge	+0 13
Eatons Neck Point	+0 03
Northport Bay	+0 03
Norwalk Islands	+0 10
Smithtown Bay	−0 03
Cranes Neck Point	+0 05
Port Jefferson Harbor	+0 03
New Haven Harbor	+0 08
Mount Sinai Harbor	−0 08
Herod Point	−0 07
Mattituck Inlet	+0 19
Horton Point	−0 20
Truman Beach	−0 42

To compute the high tide for the area you wish to fish, simply find the closest area on the conversion tables. Add or subtract the hours and/or minutes as indicated from that areas station above. Example: "Shinnecock Inlet —0 50" is listed under "on Sandy Hook". — 0 50 means you subtract 50 minutes from the times given for the SANDY HOOK STATION for the day you are going fishing. For low tide, add 6½ hours to this figure.

The schedule of solunar periods for the following week as printed below has been taken from the original Knight Solunar Tables. Plan your day so that you will be fishing good territory, hunting good cover during these times if you wish to find the best sport that each has to offer. The tables are not a guarantee that you will catch fish or see game during the period, however.

The major periods begin at the time shown and last for an hour and a half or two hours thereafter, and are in black face type. The minor periods are somewhat shorter in duration.

	A.M		P.M.	
	Minor	Major	Minor	Major
12/18	3:40	**10:20**	4:05	**10:45**
12/19	4:30	**11:20**	5:00	**11:45**
12/20	5:30	—	6:00	**12:20**
12/21	6:35	**12:50**	7:00	**1:15**
12/22	7:30	**1:45**	7:55	**2:10**
12/23	8:25	**2:40**	8:50	**3:10**
12/24	9:25	**3:35**	9:45	**4:05**
12/25	10:20	**4:30**	10:40	**4:55**

PHASES OF THE MOON

12-2	12-10	12-18	12-25
NEW	1st Qtr.	FULL	Last Qtr.

SUNRISE/SUNSET

12-6	7:07	4:35
12-12	7:12	4:35
12-18	7:16	4:36
12-24	7:19	4:39

SUBSCRIBE TODAY!

and receive FREE Reel—Fill Pak of

DUPONT **STREN**® FLUORESCENT MONOFILAMENT FISHING LINE

your choice of color and pound test!

The FISHERMAN SUBSCRIPTION BLANK

YOUR CHOICE OF—
Pound Test (*Circle One*)
6 10 12 17 20 30

Allow 4 - 6 weeks for delivery of line

Color: (*Check one*)
☐ Clear/Blue ☐ Golden ☐ Orange

Name _____

Address _____

City _____

State _____ Zip _____

☐ *The Long Island Fisherman*
☐ *The New Jersey Fisherman*
☐ *The Conn. Rhode Island Fisherman*

☐ 1 Year (50 Issues) $ 9.00
☐ 2 Year (100 Issues) 17.00
☐ 3 Year (150 Issues) 25.00

☐ New
☐ Renewal

Mail All Subscriptions To:
The Long Island Fisherman
Post Office Box 143
Deer Park, New York 11729

Why your fishing line should glow.

Because the line you see is the line you control!

And control catches more fish than luck. To give you better control *DuPont* invented the line that glows...STREN® fluorescent monofilament fishing line. The patented glow of *STREN* is activated by the sun's ultraviolet light. Underwater, where UV is filtered out, the glow is deactivated.

STREN is available in different colors to meet different fishing conditions and needs: High visibility Clear/Blue, brighter Golden, and high contrast Orange.

The right balance of properties

- Superior knot strength
- Great tensile strength with small diameter
- Proper limpness for easy handling/casting
- Controlled stretch to set your hook
- Tough abrasion and shock resistance

YOUR CHOICE OF:

Pound test: 6 10 12 17 20 30

Color: ☐ Clear/Blue ☐ Golden ☐ Orange

Check or Money Order
Must Accompany Subscription